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レイン 外伝 The Vampire Master ヴァンパイア・マスター

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ちょっと昔のお話。
それは、まだサンクワールで騎士として活躍する前。
レインは、とある人物の紹介で、魔法使いの住む地を目指していた。
しかしその場所は…。
大人気ファンタジー外伝、本編では描かれなかった、
キーファーソンとの出会いの物語!!!

MEGUMI SUMIKAWA'S COMMENT

お手に取っていただきありがとうございます。外伝です。原作「レイン外伝 灰暗き廃坑の底で」に収録されている短編「ヴァンパイア・マスター」を、お陰様て漫画でも描かせていただくことができました。個人的に十代半ばのお子さんとオッサン連中が描き易い年代のツートップなので作画がとても楽しかったです。原作読者の方はご存知の通り、今回出てきたシルヴィアさんは本編のほうても活躍する予定ですので、そちらもよろしくおねがいします。

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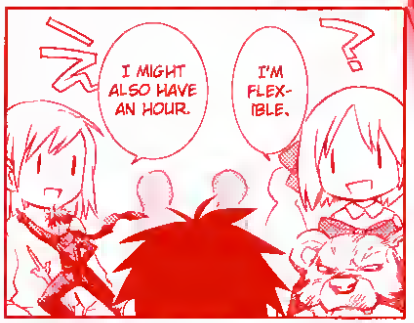


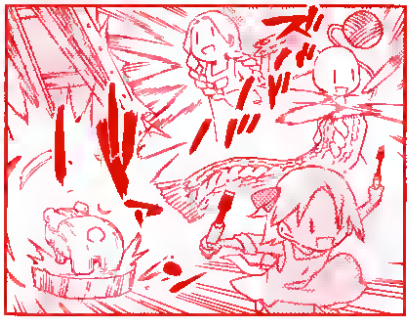

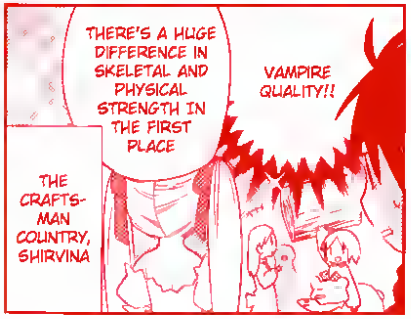


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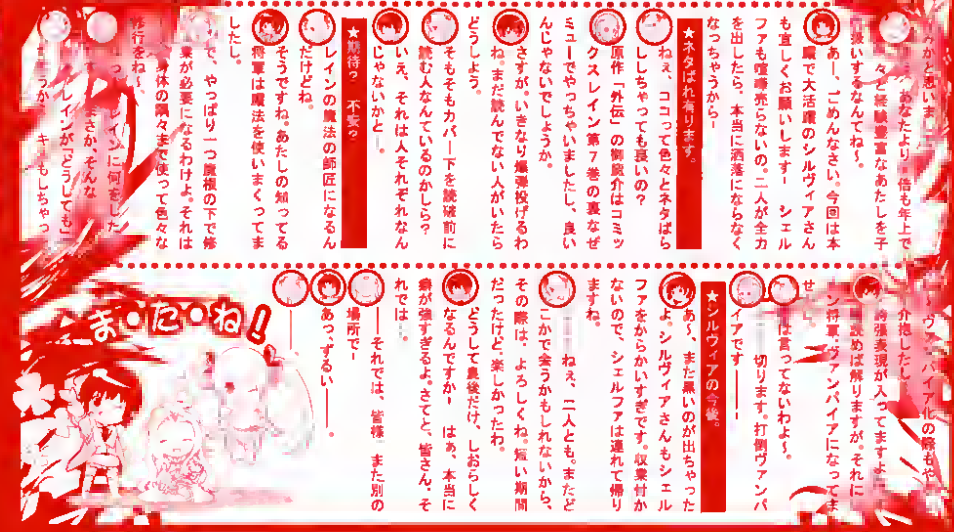
(「レイン」アルファポリス刊)

ユーリ・シェルファ シルヴィアの

# 裏なぜなにシルゲニア【外伝】

様々なファンタジー要素を詰込んだ、壮大に広がるレイン世界を、より深く見てみよう!!




★夏そとなぜミュー♪

様お久しぶりです。今回から、ユーリ・シェルファ・シルヴィアの裏なぜミューを紹介していきます。

ここでは「レイン」の世界や情報を、ご覧下さっている方は初めてという方もいらっしゃいますと思いますので、どちらの方も楽しめるコーナーになっております。

コミックプレイ本誌『レイン』のおまけコーナーの出張版♪

しかも「外伝」ってことでタイトルも変わって、その名も「裏なぜなにミュールゲニア」

そと・なぜなにミュールゲニア」

出だしからこんなテンションで良いのかなぁ。

良いんじゃないでしょうか。

だって、わたくしとユーリさんは外伝に登場してないんですし、ここで印象を残しておきませんと。

正直には、シェルファモドキは登場しているけども、まぁ、いつもの「裏なぜミュー」にいるセルフィーとセノア隊長は呼び出しで不在だし、二人で進めるしか。

★二人っ

あなた達、こんな所まであたしを引っ張り出しておいて、放置プレイとは良い度胸しているわね。

いえ、ヴァンバイア・マスターで勝の国の長でもある、レインを限したロリっ子ツインテールなおませさんなら、放置プレイもお

ヴァンバイア化の解もや介抱したし

ら表現が入ってますよ

ば解りますが、それにンバイアになってま

せ

は言ってないわよ。

切ります。打倒ヴァンバイアです――!

★シルヴィアの今後。

あ~、また黒いのが出ちゃったよ。シルヴィアさんもシェルファをからかいすぎです。収集付かないので、シェルファは連れて帰りますね。

ねえ、二人とも。またどこかで会うかもしれないから、その際は、よろしくね。短い期間だったけど、楽しかったわ。

どうして最後だけ、しおらしくなるんですか! はぁ、本当に勘が強すぎるよ。さてと、皆さん、それでは――

――それでは、皆様、また別の場所で~

あっ、ずるい――。

★ネタばれ有ります。

ねえ、ココって色々とネタばらししちゃっても良いの?

原作「外伝」の御紹介はコミックスレイン第7巻の裏なぜミューでやっちゃいましたし、良いんじゃないでしょうか。

さすが。いきなり爆弾投げるわね。まだ読んでない人がいたらどうしよう。

そもそもカバー下を読破前に読む人なんているのかしら?

いえ、それは人それぞれなんじゃないかと。

★期待っ 不安?

レインの魔法の師匠になるんだけどね。

そうですね。あたしの知ってる将軍は魔法を使いまくってましたし。

で、やっぱり一つ屋根の下で修業が必要になるわけよ。それは体の隅々まで使って色々な修行をね。

まさか、そんなっ

レインに何をした

レインが「どうして

キ もしちゃっ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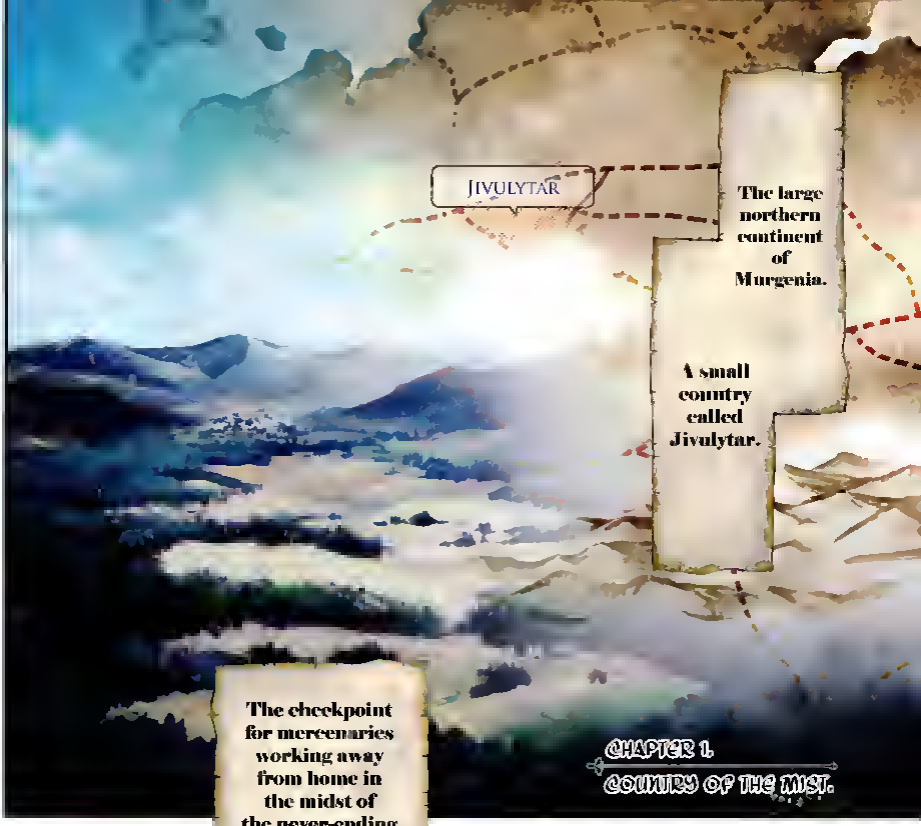
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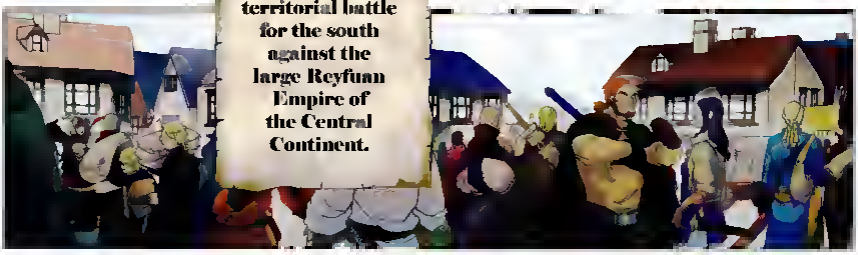
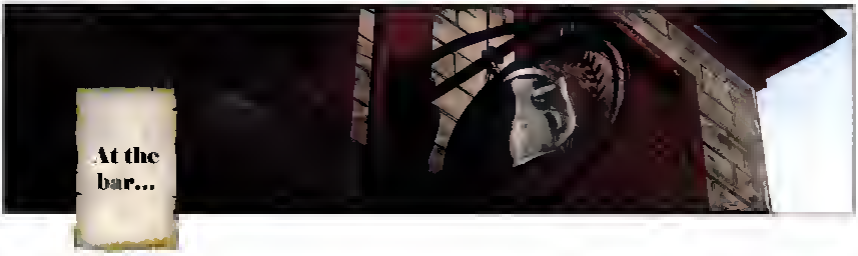
The large northern continent of Murgenia.
A small country called Jivulytar.
CHAPTER 1.
COUNTRY OF THE MIST.


The checkpoint for mercenaries working away from home in the midst of the never-ending territorial battle for the south against the large Reyfuan Empire of the Central Continent.


At the bar...

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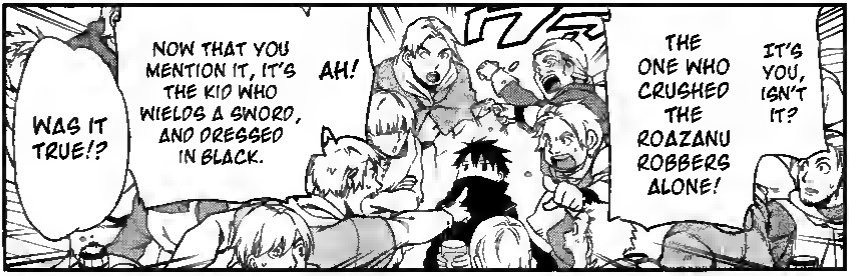
かつかつ
もごもご
もごもご
もごもご
ガヤガヤ
もごもごもご
YOU BRAT, YOU HERE AT THE PUB FOR GOAT'S MILK?
AND YOU STILL CALL YOURSELF A MERCE-NARY!?
IF YOU WANT SOME MILK, WHY DON'T YOU RUN OFF HOME NOW AND SUCKLE YOUR MOTHER'S BREASTS, HUH?
I DO WHAT I WANNA DO
WHAT?
YOU BRAT!

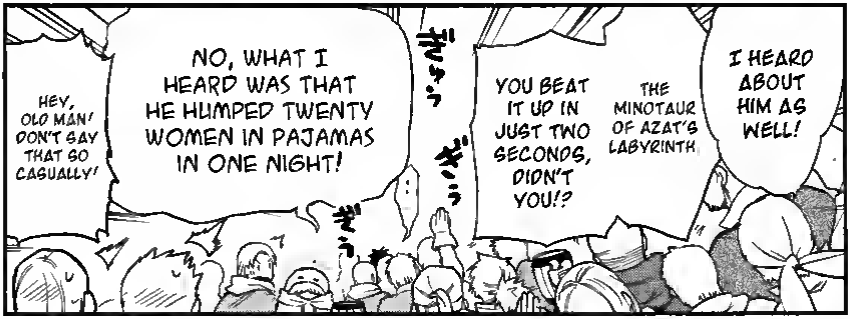
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO, YOU BASTARD!
HE USED SOME SORT OF WEIRD TECHNIQUE!!
IT'S NOT EVEN A TECHNIQUE.
I MERELY USED HIS CENTER OF GRAVITY AGAINST HIM.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK THAT SURPRISED.
DON'T TELL ME THAT THERE'S NO ONE AROUND HERE WHO DOES THROWING TECHNIQUES?
S-SHUT UP!
IF YOU'RE A MERCENARY, USE YOUR WEAPON AND FIGHT!
I SEE.

*They are repeating after a sound that was made.

HAAA!! THIS IS ALL WE HAVE!
I DON'T NEED IT.
FOR THE TABLE...
COMPEN-SATION...
WE WILL GO BACK!
WE WILL PROMPTLY RETURN HOME AND SUCKLE OUR MOTHERS' BREASTS!!
COMPENSATE THE OWNER FOR THE TABLE AND TAKE THAT THING BACK
SOR...
WE'RE...
RYYY !!!

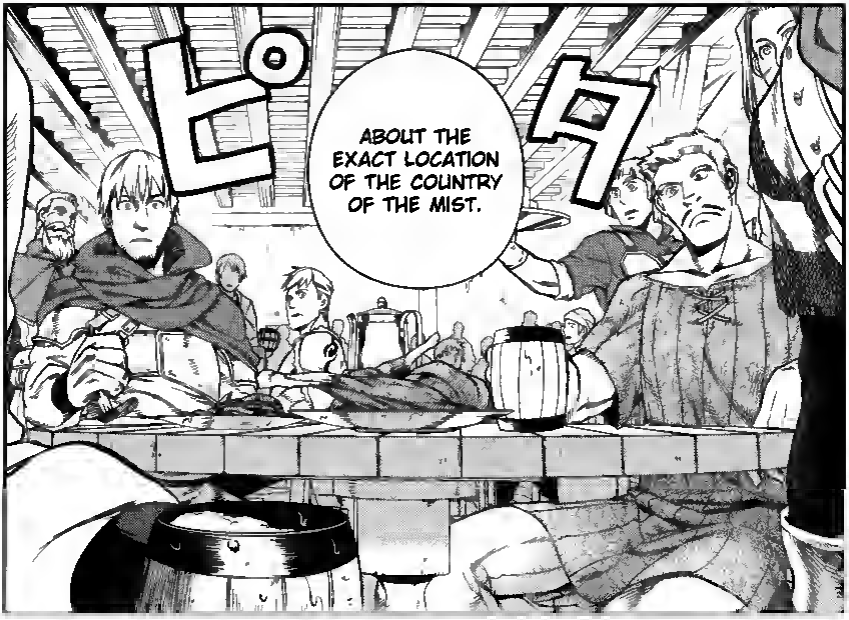
WHAT WAS THAT!
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AREN'T YOU, BOY!
I COULDN'T EVEN SEE WHAT YOU DID BACK THERE!
WOA AH!

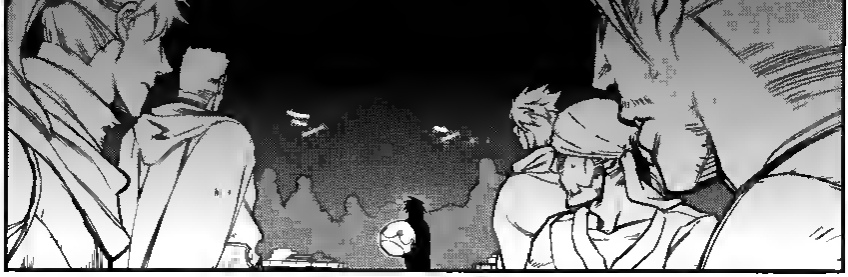

IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT?
THE ONE WHO CRUSHED THE ROAZANU ROBBERS ALONE!
AH!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IT'S THE KID WHO WIELDS A SWORD, AND DRESSED IN BLACK.
WAS IT TRUE!?

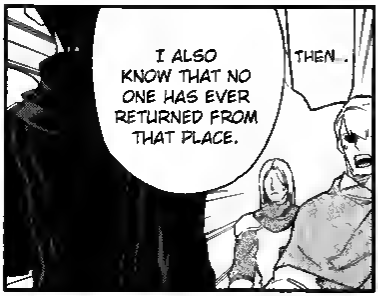

I HEARD ABOUT HIM AS WELL!
THE MINOTAUR OF AZAT'S LABYRINTH
YOU BEAT IT UP IN JUST TWO SECONDS, DIDN'T YOU!?
NO, WHAT I HEARD WAS THAT HE HUMPED TWENTY WOMEN IN PAJAMAS IN ONE NIGHT!
HEY, OLD MAN! DON'T SAY THAT SO CASUALLY!

HOW ABOUT IT, YOUNG MAN!
GET OFF ME.
TELL US THE REAL DEAL, WON'T YOU?
HEY, *MASTER! GET US SOME GOAT'S MILK!
I'M THE ONE WITH THE QUESTIONS.
HMM?

*Referring to the owner of the pub

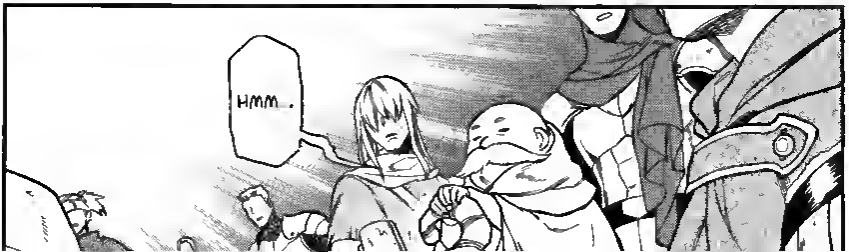


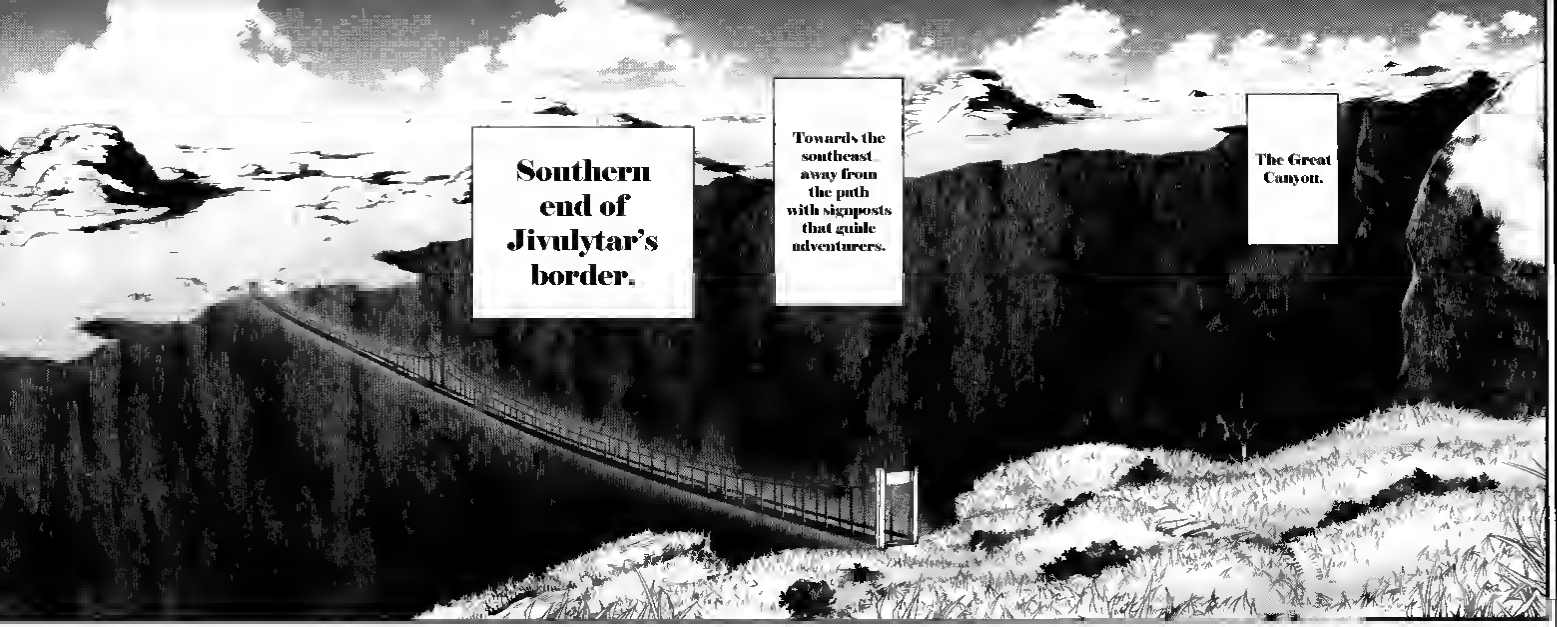



I ALSO KNOW THAT NO ONE HAS EVER RETURNED FROM THAT PLACE.
THEN...

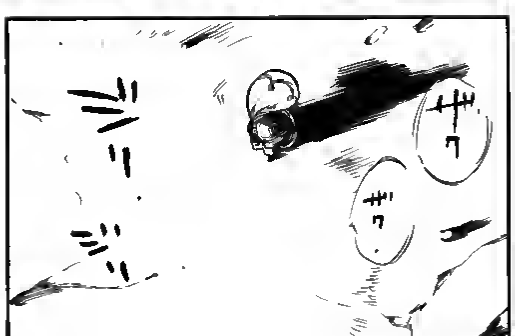
I HEARD THE RUMORS.
HEY BOY, YOU DO KNOW WHAT'S LURKING IN THERE, DON'T YOU?

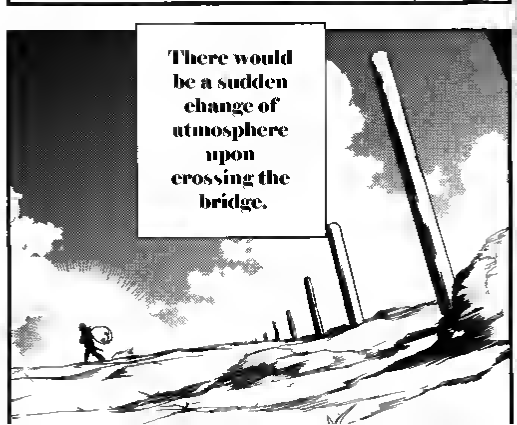
PLEASE TELL ME.
THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE TO MEET.


HMM...

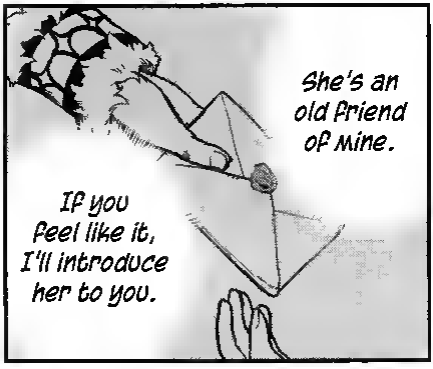

Southern end of Jivulytar's border.
Towards the southeast... away from the path with signposts that guide adventurers.
The Great Canyon.

It's pretty convenient to use magic during times like this, huh.

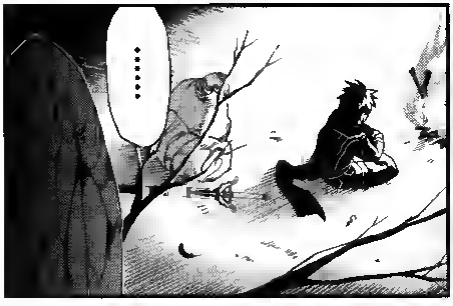



There would be a sudden change of atmosphere upon crossing the bridge.

If I'm not wrong, that person is an Elite, right!?


She's an old friend of mine.
If you feel like it, I'll introduce her to you.

Far from that. I think that she is the strongest in history.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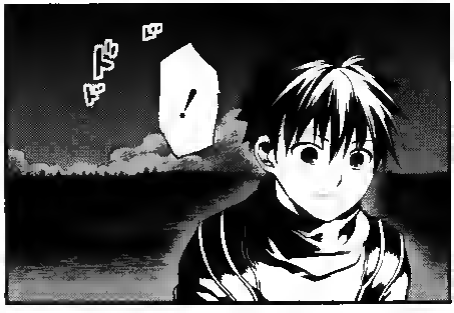
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HAWK...

ﾐｶｯ…
ﾐｶｯ…
HORSE-RIDING TROOPS?
IF YOU WANT TO ASK SOMEONE SOMETHING, GET DOWN FROM THE HORSE.
WHAT IS A KID DOING IN THIS KIND OF PLACE?
ｽﾞｻｯ…
ｲﾚﾚﾚ…
YOU BASTARD!
WE'RE ALREADY PAST THE BORDER. WHAT'S MORE, I DON'T EVEN WORK FOR THAT COUNTRY.
SO WHAT?
WE'RE JIVULYTAR'S KNIGHTS!
HOW RUDE!

!!
DID YOU INTEND TO TAKE ON A TROOP OF ONE HUNDRED HORSEMEN?
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE TALENTED, BUT YOU'RE BEING A LITTLE RECKLESS.
I'VE ALREADY PREPARED MYSELF FOR THAT, THAT'S WHY I DREW MY BLADE.
!?
CAPTAIN...
DEMONIC SWORD...
BLUE...
I APOLOGIZE FOR OUR RUDENESS.
WOULD YOU MIND SHEATHING THAT SWORD, YOUNG MAN?

IT LOOKS LIKE WE SHARE THE SAME DESTINATION, BUT SHOULD WE NOT RETURN FROM THAT PLACE, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR YOU TO...
RETREAT TO TOWN.
YES.
ARE YOU ATTACKING THE COUNTRY OF THE MIST?
A LOT OF YOUR MEN WOULD HAVE FALLEN.
IF YOU HAPPENED TO HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST US, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAVE BEEN THE OUTCOME?
JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY...
I SEE.
WELL THEN, I PRAY FOR YOU TO LIVE A LONG LIFE.
YOUNG MAN.

Yet they have already forgotten the pain of the past.
The previous expedition wasn't even a hundred years back...
"Arrows will not affect us."
"Retreat while you know it's futile."
Even though we warned them so harshly.
How much more do you want to persecute us before you are satisfied?
Humans.

What's more, I smell fresh blood.
Their tracks stop here.
IT'S LIKE A GRAVEYARD

WHAT...
IS THIS ATMO-SPHERE.
I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT FAR OFF.
ヘナヘナ
ガサ
!?

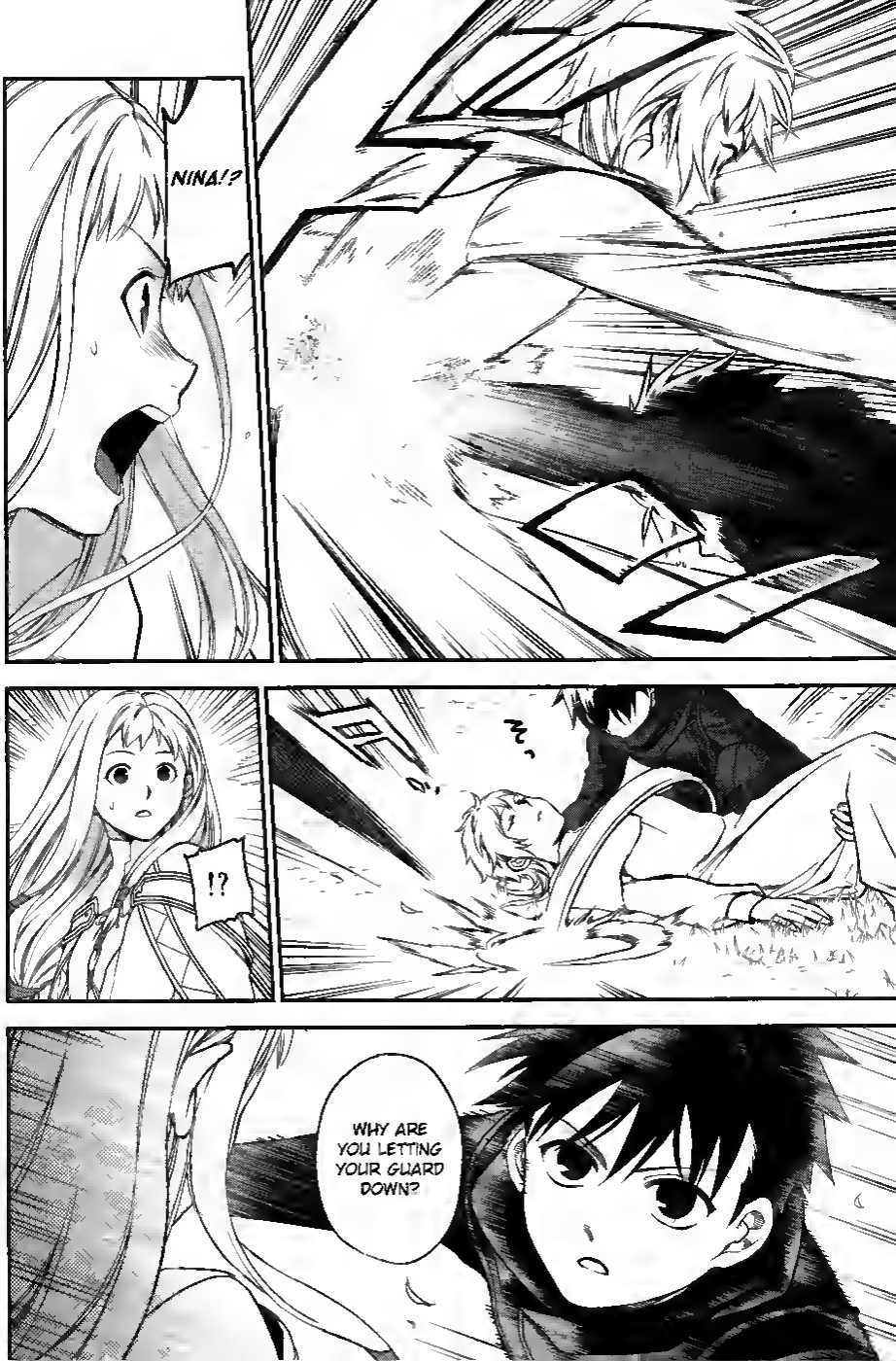
IS THIS...
THE COUNTRY OF THE MIST?
WE DON'T WISH TO FIGHT.
COULD YOU PLEASE RETREAT?

THEN, PREPARE YOURSELF!
VERY WELL.

WHAT
MON-
STROUS
POWER

AH.
LADY YUKI!
I WILL ASSIST YOU.
IF SO...
This person's speed and power is not at that Yuki's level.

He's making Nina's body the blind spot, so he could take her on one-to one.
He's going to finish her while using her as a shield!?


NINA!?
!?
WHY ARE YOU LETTING YOUR GUARD DOWN?

He's fast!
AH...

……?
I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY.
MY REASON FOR COMING HERE IS...
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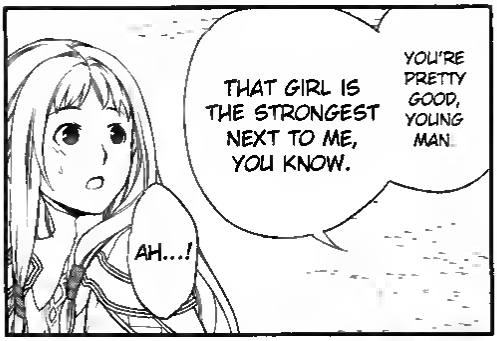
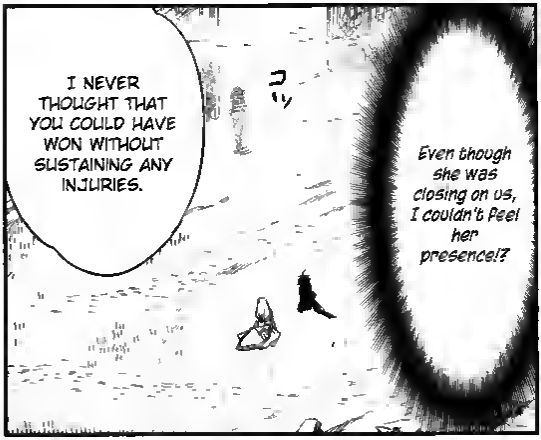

AH...!
THAT GIRL IS THE STRONGEST NEXT TO ME, YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, YOUNG MAN.

I'M SORRY, YUKI, NINA.
I MADE YOU FIGHT WHILE I STOOD BACK TO WATCH.


I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU COULD HAVE WON WITHOUT SUSTAINING ANY INJURIES.
Even though she was closing on us, I couldn't feel her presence!?

What's with this person.

I CAME HERE TO SEE YOU.
RAIN.

WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

VAMPIRE MASTER.
SYLVIA ROSENBURG.

RAM

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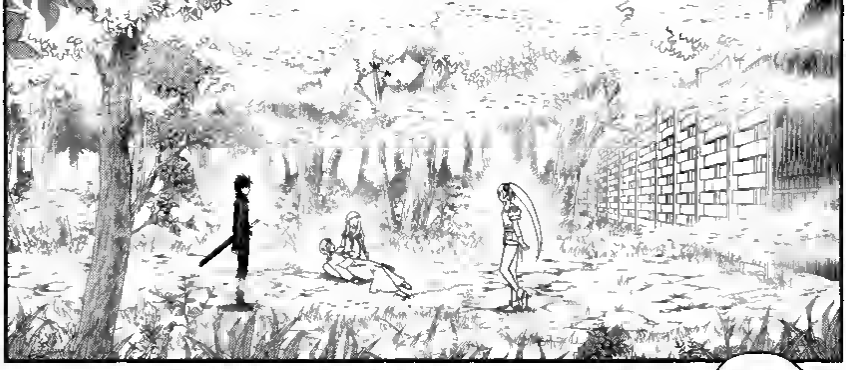
IT'S YOUR VICTORY.
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD GET A CHANCE TO MEET A SWORDSMAN LIKE YOURSELF NEARING THE END OF MY TIME.
YOU STILL HAVE SOME STRENGTH LEFT, DON'T YOU?
THE WINNER HASN'T BEEN DECIDED YET!
STOP IT!
IF YOU FEEL SORRY FOR THAT, WHY DON'T YOU STAY THE NIGHT AS AN APOLOGY?
IT WAS RUDE OF ME TO CHALLENGE YOU OUT OF THE BLUE. I'M SORRY.
WELL, I'LL BE OFF THEN.
I'M PREPARING SOME REALLY GOOD DISHES FOR DINNER TONIGHT.

# CHAPTER 2
## SYLVIA.



RAIN, WAS IT?
DID YOU COME HERE BY YOURSELF?

I SENSED A PRESENCE EQUIVALENT TO TWO REALLY SKILLED PEOPLE, BUT IT TURNED OUT...
TO BE A KID.
ARE YOU USING SOME SORT OF TECHNIQUE TO KEEP YOURSELF IN THAT FORM?

YEAH.

I CAN'T USE MAGIC.
ALSO, I'M NOT A KID.
I'M GONNA BE SIXTEEN SOON.

SO IT'S CALLED "EXCEED" ...
I CAN REMEMBER IT BECAUSE I'VE SEEN A CERTAIN OLD MAN PERFORM THIS ALTERATION BEFORE.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH.
FOR YOU TO POSSESS SUCH REFINED "EXCEED" AT THAT AGE IS QUITE UNBELIEVABLE.
Old man?
YOU SAW AND REMEMBERED IT?
A GENIUS, HUH
FROM WHAT HE SAID, IT APPEARS I HAVE A KNACK FOR THIS SORT OF THING.

WELCOME TO SYLVIENA.
LOOKS LIKE SOME PART OF YOU WAS JUST BOASTING AFTER ALL.
WE'LL TALK INSIDE.
HE'S DANGER-OUS!
THIS KID MIGHT HAVE SOME SORT OF CONNECTION WITH JIVULYTAL.
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
HE'S ABLE TO USE WIELD THAT SWORD AFTER ALL.

SYLVIENA.
THIS TOWN MARKS THE BOUNDARY OF VAMPIRE TERRITORY.
Girls everywhere.
"COUNTRY OF THE MIST" IS JUST A NAME HUMANS CAME UP WITH.
LADY SYLVIA.
LADY SYLVIA.

IN FACT, THEY HATE US MORE THAN WE HATE THEM.
IT'S THE SAME THE OTHER WAY ROUND
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS HATE HUMANS.
YOU'RE LYING!
BE IT NOW OR BEFORE, I'VE NEVER HATED VAMPIRES.
IT'S FINE.
THIS CHILD IS MY GUEST!
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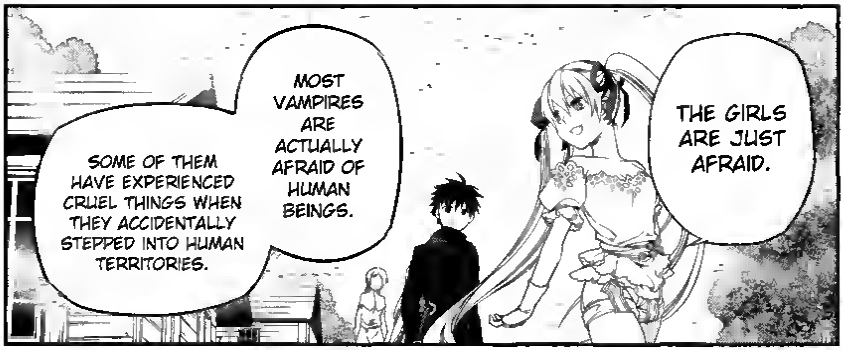
HEY, GIRLS! STOP STARING AT HIM!


THE GIRLS ARE JUST AFRAID.
MOST VAMPIRES ARE ACTUALLY AFRAID OF HUMAN BEINGS.
SOME OF THEM HAVE EXPERIENCED CRUEL THINGS WHEN THEY ACCIDENTALLY STEPPED INTO HUMAN TERRITORIES.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.

SO THAT NO LIGHT WILL ENTER THE HOUSES.
THE REST OF THEM HAVE THEIR WINDOWS COVERED IN BLACK...
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT
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THIS LOOKS JUST LIKE A NORMAL HOUSE.
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WON'T THE FOG BLOCK OFF THE LIGHT?
WE DO MAKE OUR SHARE OF CLEAR AND SUNNY DAYS.
OR ELSE THE CROPS WON'T GROW.
I SEE, SO THE ABNORMAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE GREAT CANYON WAS YOUR DOING AS WELL.
YOU'RE QUICK.
HAVE SOME COOKIES!
THESE DRINKS ARE NORMAL WINE, NOT BLOOD, SO DON'T WORRY.

HAWK WALTON... DO YOU KNOW HIM?
SO, WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE?
YES.
AS I THOUGHT, HE WAS THE ONE WHO TAUGHT YOU "EXCEED".
A former general of the biggest and oldest nation, Reyfuan.
Even after he retired, he was still proficient enough to be a teacher for swordsmanship, given his fighting spirit and swordsmanship.
Anyone who went against him would be cut down before they could even see him draw.
Thus, his alias "Swordsman of the Wind"

HE'S ALSO THE ONLY PRECIOUS FRIEND I HAVE...
WITHIN THE HUMAN RACE.

DON'T TELL ME
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM?

HE PASSED AWAY.

I WAS TAKING CARE OF HIM.
JUST RECENTLY.
SINCE WHEN?
THAT YOU WERE AN OLD PRECIOUS FRIEND TO HIM.
HAWK SAID...
WAIT!
I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR THE TIME BEING.

WHY DID HE DIE?
OLD AGE?
OR WAS IT BECAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS...
HE WAS KILLED.
BY ME.

YOU CAN TELL FROM THE DISTURBANCE OF MY "EXCEED", RIGHT?
AS TO WHETHER I'M LYING OR NOT.
IS THAT TRUE...

IF THAT'S THE TRUTH...
THEN YOU ARE MY ENEMY, YOUNG MAN!!
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THERE'S NO WAY A SWORDSMAN LIKE YOU WOULD GIVE IN WITHOUT ANY RESISTANCE.
THE CIRCUMSTANCE CALLED FOR IT, DIDN'T IT?
I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED SOONER.
WHAT I SAID EARLIER WAS THE TRUTH.
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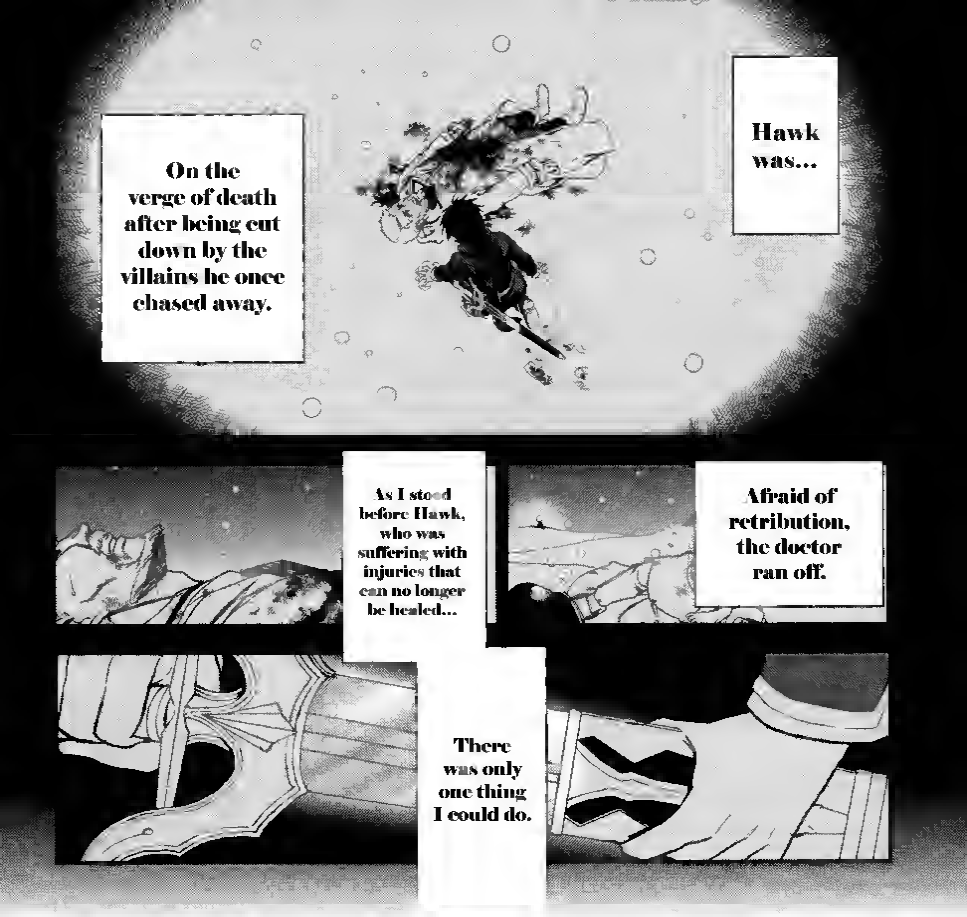
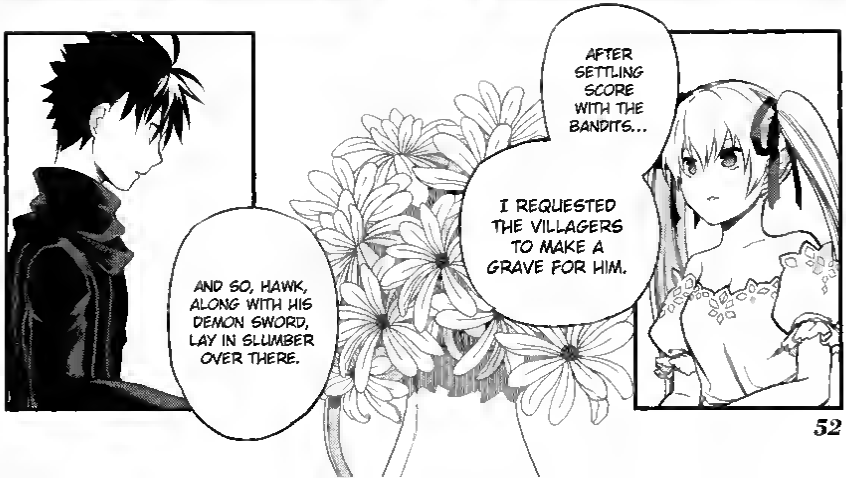
PLEASE CONSIDER MY FEELINGS AS WELL.
I'M SORRY.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT A PRECIOUS FRIEND'S FINAL MOMENTS?
IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID.
And I told her everything I knew about Hawk.

About the time when I approached him at his house up on the winter mountain for a light...
About how he chased off the villains at the bottom of the mountains...
And how it led to him asking me to stay the night and taking care of me...
WE CONTINUED TO STAY TOGETHER UNTIL A CERTAIN DAY
IT WAS BECAUSE HE WANTED ME TO GET OFF THE MOUNTAIN AND MOVE ON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE DESPITE HIS WORSENING CONDITION
I PRETENDED TO LEAVE AND FETCHED A DOCTOR FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE VILLAGE BACK TO HIS HOUSE INSTEAD


On the verge of death after being cut down by the villains he once chased away.
Hawk was...
As I stood before Hawk, who was suffering with injuries that can no longer be healed...
Afraid of retribution, the doctor ran off.
There was only one thing I could do.


AND SO, HAWK, ALONG WITH HIS DEMON SWORD, LAY IN SLUMBER OVER THERE.
I REQUESTED THE VILLAGERS TO MAKE A GRAVE FOR HIM.
AFTER SETTLING SCORE WITH THE BANDITS...

I WAS HIS FINAL OPPONENT!
SO THEY WERE THE REASON, NOT YOU.
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT EARLIER.
YOU'RE WRONG!!
EVEN IF YOU ARE HIS PRECIOUS FRIEND...
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO SAY THAT HAWK WAS KILLED BY A GROUP OF WORTHLESS BANDITS!
THE ONES WHO KILLED HAWK WEREN'T SUCH MISERABLE EXISTENCES!
IT WAS I, THE GENIUS SWORDSMAN, WHO KILLED HIM!!

RAIN.
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING HAWK'S HONOR.
AND THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME OF HIS FINAL MOMENTS.
THANK YOU.

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IS SHE OUT?
(Thanks for just now.)
Is it a nocturnal habit?
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THANKS FOR THE MEAL.

IN ANY CASE, I HAVE TIME.
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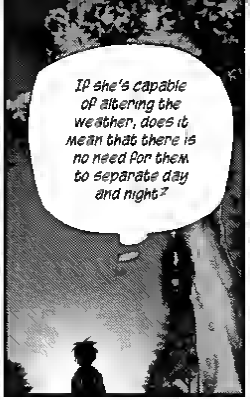
If that's the case, then this weeping sound seems pretty odd.

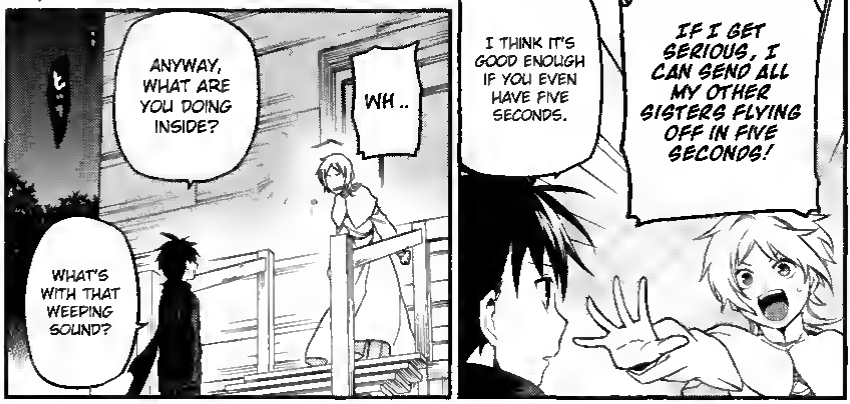

If she's capable of altering the weather, does it mean that there is no need for them to separate day and night?

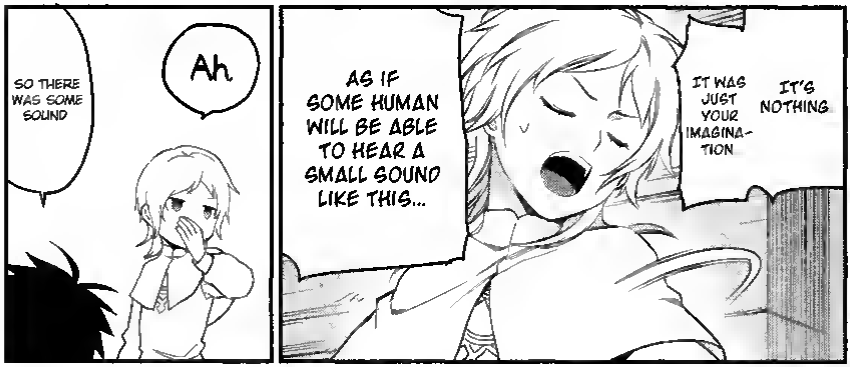
THE FOG IS THINNING...

WHY ARE YOU HERE!

GEH.

I WAS JUST UNWELL DURING THE DAY!
ARE YOU HERE TO PICK A FIGHT!?
IF I GET SERIOUS, I'LL...I'LL...


IF I GET SERIOUS, I CAN SEND ALL MY OTHER SISTERS FLYING OFF IN FIVE SECONDS!
I THINK IT'S GOOD ENOUGH IF YOU EVEN HAVE FIVE SECONDS.
WH..
ANYWAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING INSIDE?
WHAT'S WITH THAT WEEPING SOUND?


IT'S NOTHING
IT WAS JUST YOUR IMAGINATION
AS IF SOME HUMAN WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR A SMALL SOUND LIKE THIS...
Ah
SO THERE WAS SOME SOUND

THERE'S NO HELPING IT THEN.
SO YOU'LL STOP PROBING?
SINCE I CAN'T HELP IT, I'LL FINISH THIS IN FIVE SECONDS.
I'M AGAINST VIOLENCE!

YOU CAN ONLY LOOK, ALRIGHT?
I HAVE NO INTENTION ON DOING ANYTHING TO WHOEVER'S INSIDE.
ONCE I UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR THE CRYING, I'LL RETURN.
UNDER-STAND...
I WON-DER...
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She has flaxen hair with a pale green color to it that is different from all the residences here.
A HU-MAN...
GIRL?

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CHAPTER 3.
VAMPIRE.
WHAT'S YOURS?
MY NAME IS RAIN.
WEN-DY...

I HAD A FEMALE CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE GIRLS, DON'T YOU?
NICE TO MEET YOU, WENDY.
COULD YOU LEAVE US ALONE FOR A MOMENT?
I'D LIKE TO HEAR WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY.
NINA.
HAD...?
I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR PART OF THE STORY AS WELL.
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT SHE HAS A BAD OPINION OF US?
EE-EH!?

THOUGH, IF IT'S SOMEONE OF YOUR STRENGTH, I GUESS EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE
WHATEVER HAPPENS, IT'LL BE NONE OF MY BUSINESS.
FINE, I'LL GO BACK TO THE HALL.
BUT JUST IN CASE, YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I CAN HELP YOU.
RAIN, ARE YOU HERE TO HELP ME?
SO, WHY DID YOU COME HERE, WENDY?

A girl named Yuki suddenly paid us a visit.
THERE WAS A VISIT.
My father and mother said and did nothing to stop her.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS ALWAYS INSIDE THE HOUSE.

I SEE...SO YOU WERE TAKEN HERE WITHOUT KNOWING WHY.
BUT I THINK I MIGHT KNOW WHY.

I'M... DIFFERENT.
BEFORE I WAS TAKEN HERE..

I would feel strange and weak whenever I went out at noon.
I would feel awake in the middle of the night.
But I have no recollections of whatever happened after that.

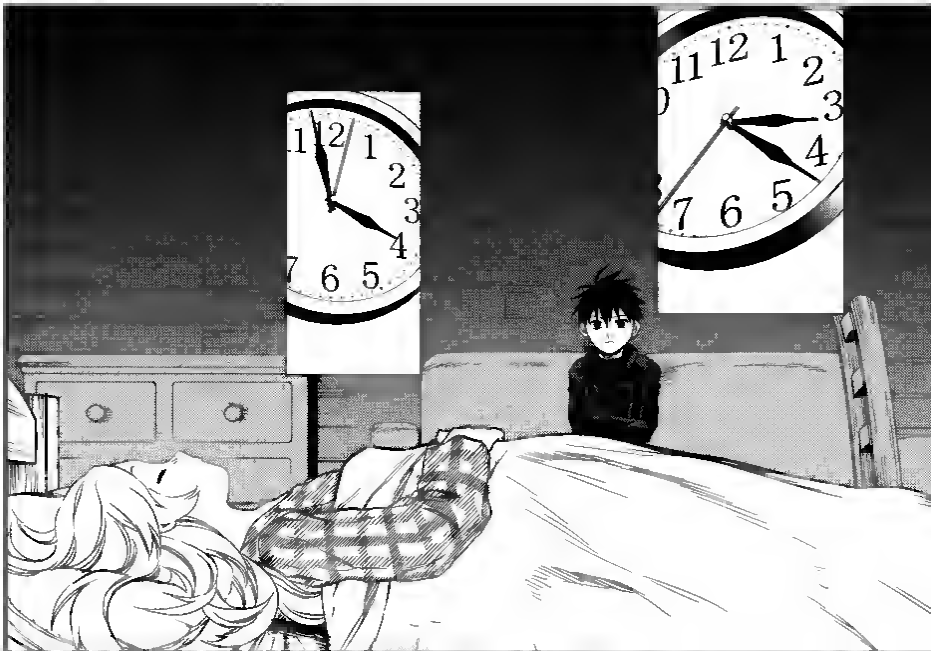
When I wake up, I would be asleep...
And tied to my bed.
So that's why.
Though, if it's someone of your strength, I guess everything will be fine

BUT THEN, YOU WON'T GET ANY REST, RAIN.
I JUST WOKE UP, SO IT'S FINE.
REALLY?
IF YOU FEEL INSECURE WHEN YOU SLEEP, I'LL WATCH OVER YOU
IT'S NOTHING MUCH... BECAUSE I JUST GOT HERE AT NOON AS WELL.
WENDY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF VILLAGE THIS IS?
NO...
I WAS LOCKED UP IN THIS ROOM THE MOMENT I WAS BROUGHT HERE.
WHY?
I SEE.
Ehehe
SO WE'RE BOTH OUTSIDERS.

THANK YOU, RAIN.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT SO HAPPY EVER SINCE I CAME HERE.
IT'S TOO EARLY TO THANK ME
I'M ONLY ABOUT TO START WATCHING OVER

OKAY.
GOOD NIGHT, WENDY.

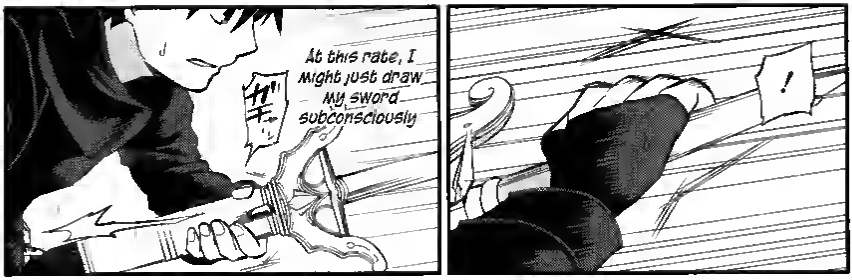
ERM, COULD YOU NOT LOOK AT MY SLEEPING FACE? IT'S QUITE EMBAR-RASSING...



WENDY?
Could you not look at my sleeping face?

A vampiric transformation!!
I KNEW IT.

WENDY! WAKE UP!
She doesn't feel pain?


At this rate, I might just draw my sword subconsciously
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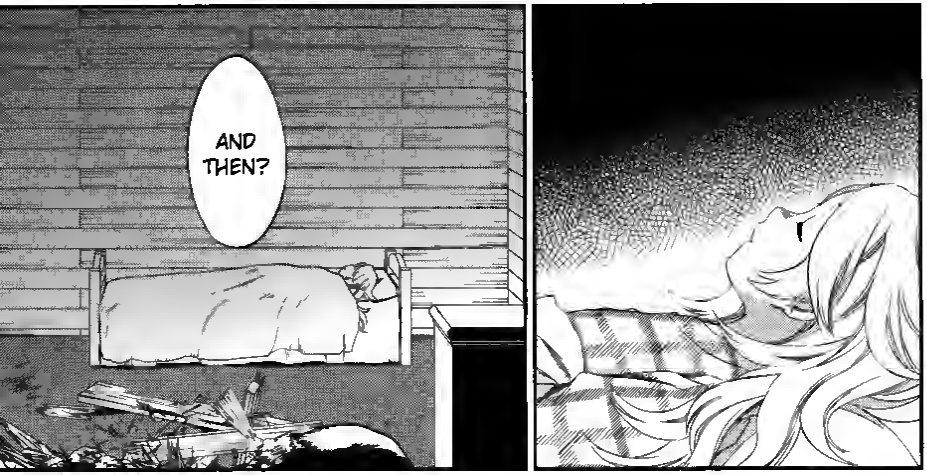
HEY, I HEARD SOMETHING LOUD! DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?
TOO SLOW.
AND NOISY.


AND THEN?

YOU'RE WRONG!
NO ONE DID THAT!
WHO SUCKED HER BLOOD?
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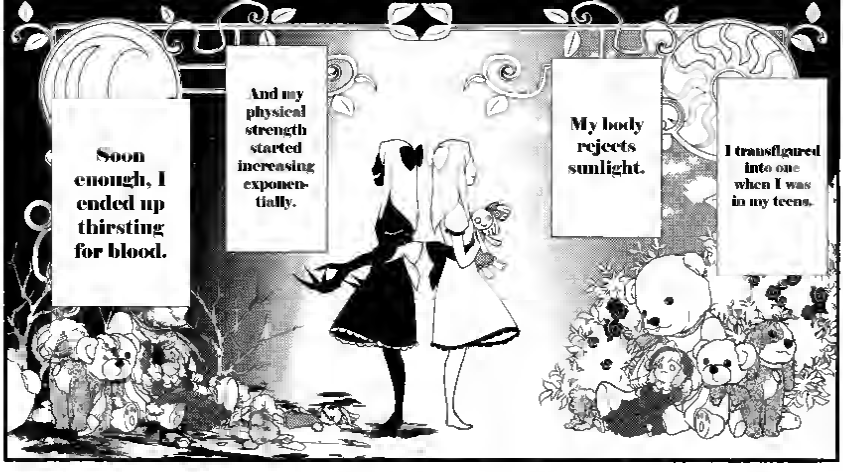
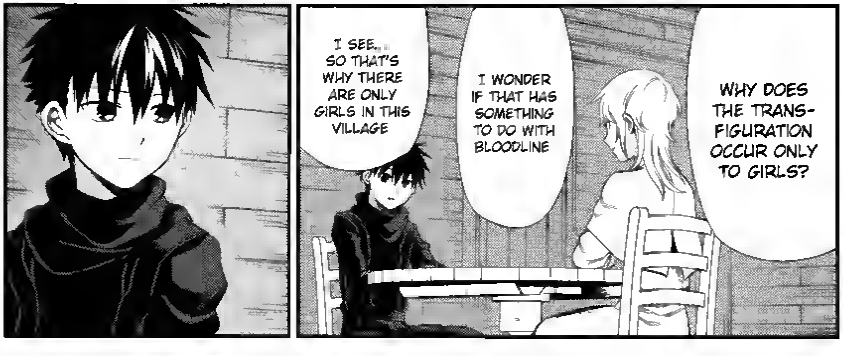
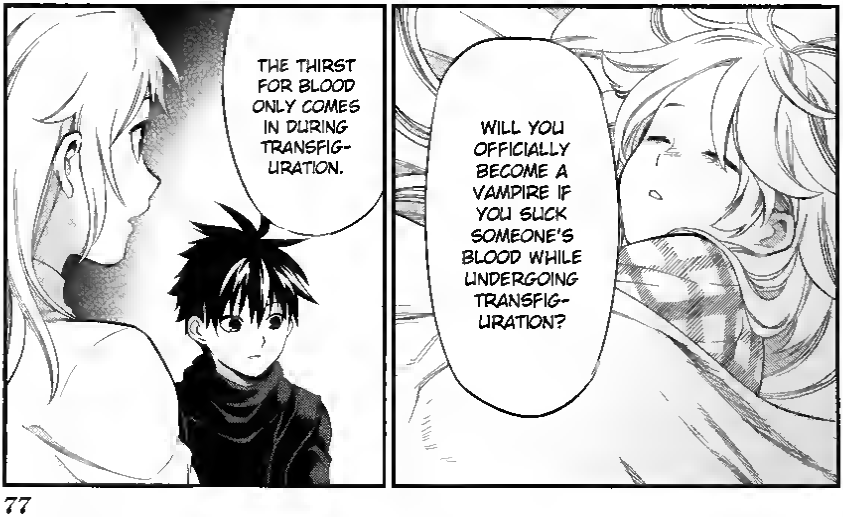
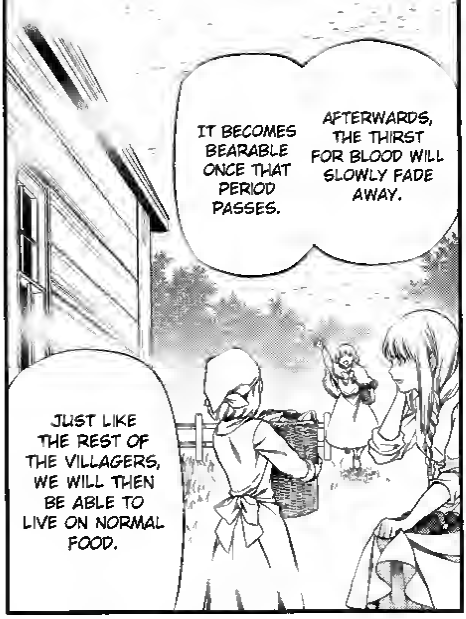
SO THERE ARE HUMAN BEINGS WHO CAN TURN INTO A VAMPIRE EVEN WITHOUT HAVING THEIR BLOOD SUCKED BY ONE?
YES.
I WAS LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS AROUND HER AGE.
BUT SHE WAS OBVIOUSLY TRANSFORMING INTO A VAMPIRE.

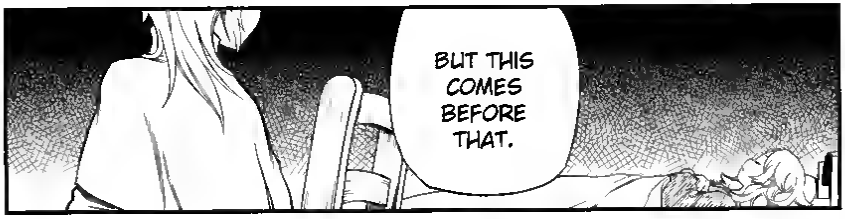

Soon enough, I ended up thirsting for blood.
And my physical strength started increasing exponentially.
My body rejects sunlight.
I transfigured into one when I was in my teens.


I SEE... SO THAT'S WHY THERE ARE ONLY GIRLS IN THIS VILLAGE
I WONDER IF THAT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH BLOODLINE
WHY DOES THE TRANSFIGURATION OCCUR ONLY TO GIRLS?

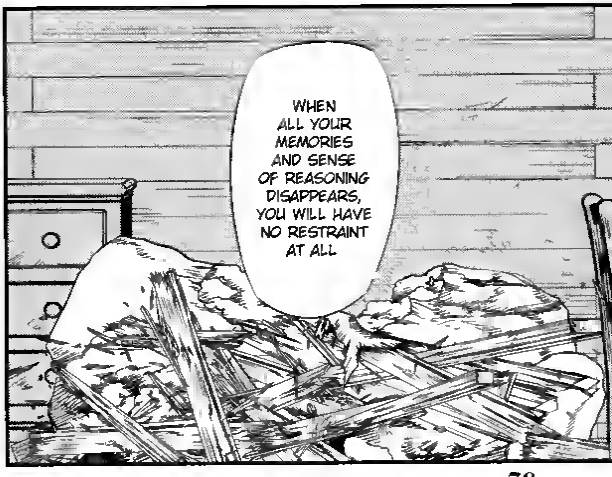

THE THIRST FOR BLOOD ONLY COMES IN DURING TRANSFIGURATION.
WILL YOU OFFICIALLY BECOME A VAMPIRE IF YOU SUCK SOMEONE'S BLOOD WHILE UNDERGOING TRANSFIGURATION?


IT BECOMES BEARABLE ONCE THAT PERIOD PASSES.
AFTERWARDS, THE THIRST FOR BLOOD WILL SLOWLY FADE AWAY.
JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE VILLAGERS, WE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO LIVE ON NORMAL FOOD.

AS WE GET USED TO OUR NOCTURNAL HABITS, WE ARE ALLOWED TO DRINK THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE AMOUNT OF BLOOD...
SO THAT WE WON'T REMEMBER THE TASTE OF HUMAN BLOOD


BUT THIS COMES BEFORE THAT.

IS THERE A WAY TO REVERT BACK TO YOUR ORIGINAL STATE?


WHEN ALL YOUR MEMORIES AND SENSE OF REASONING DISAPPEARS, YOU WILL HAVE NO RESTRAINT AT ALL

I'M SORRY FOR MY CARELESS WORDS.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.
IF THERE WERE, NO ONE WOULD BE HERE ANYMORE.
UNFORTUNATELY, MY SENSE OF FEAR HAS BEEN NUMBED.
I HAVE NO FEAR OR DISGUST FOR VAMPIRES.
YOU'RE REALLY DIFFERENT.
I THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE FELT MORE DISGUSTED OR AFRAID OF US UPON HEARING THIS STORY, BUT...
DESPITE ALL THE STORIES I'VE HEARD ABOUT VAMPIRES, A REAL LIFE VERSION IS ACTUALLY LIKE THIS.
ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT?
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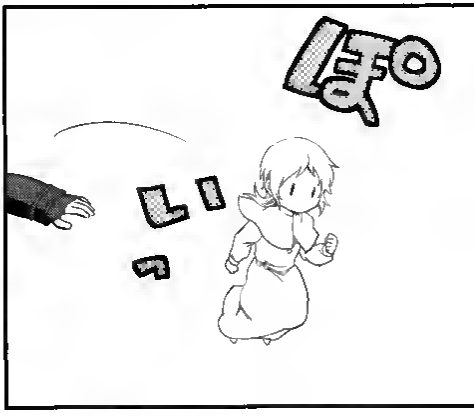
NOT TO MENTION THAT...

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL WENDY.
ALRIGHT, GO BACK ALREADY.
THERE'S NO NEED TO THROW ME OUT!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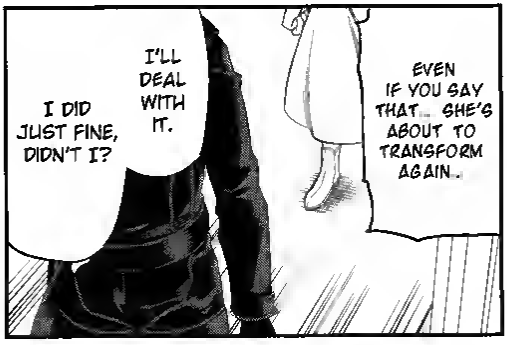
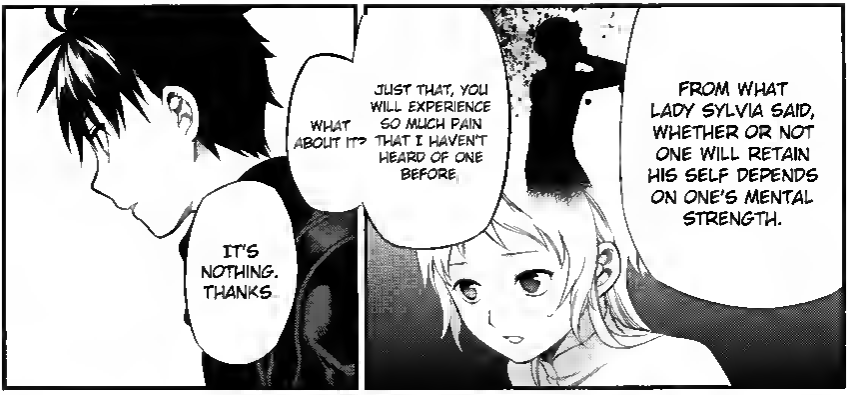
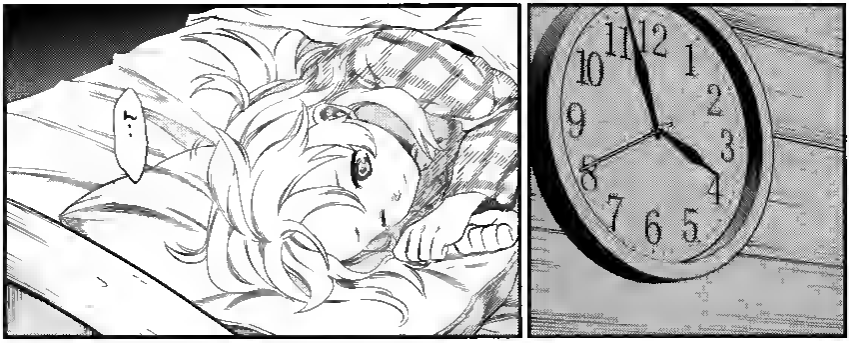
OH, I FORGOT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING


I DID JUST FINE, DIDN'T I?
I'LL DEAL WITH IT.
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT... SHE'S ABOUT TO TRANSFORM AGAIN...

ERM...
WILL IT PLACE ONE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE VAMPIRE?
EH?

IF A PERSON GETS BITTEN BY A VAMPIRE, WILL HE TURN INTO ONE?


FROM WHAT LADY SYLVIA SAID, WHETHER OR NOT ONE WILL RETAIN HIS SELF DEPENDS ON ONE'S MENTAL STRENGTH.
JUST THAT, YOU WILL EXPERIENCE SO MUCH PAIN THAT I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ONE BEFORE.
WHAT ABOUT IT?
IT'S NOTHING. THANKS.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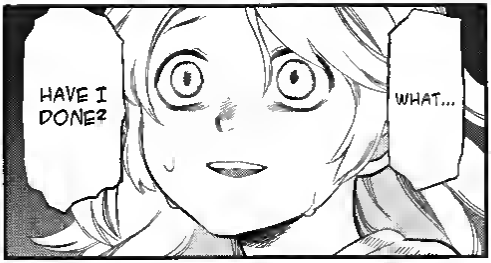
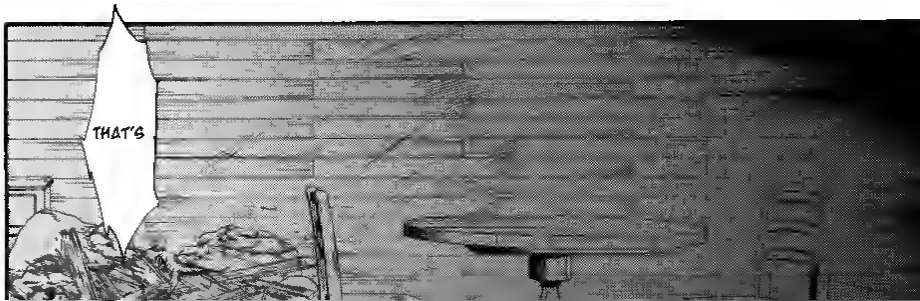
RAIN.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

TELL ME.


HAVE I DONE?
WHAT...


THAT'S

I'M NO LONGER HUMAN?
I HAVE BEEN SUCKING ON PEOPLE'S BLOOD DURING THE TIMES I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS?
NO, I THINK YOUR PARENTS STOPPED YOU.
AT THAT TIME, YOU WEREN'T AS STRONG AS AN ADULT JUST YET.
I CAN'T GO BACK?
WILL I DIE...
IF I DON'T SUCK A PERSON'S BLOOD?
THE VAMPIRES WHO LIVE HERE DO NOT LIVE ON PEOPLE'S BLOOD.
YOU CAN EAT NORMAL MEALS.
INSIDE THE FOG, YOU CAN EVEN WALK AROUND DURING DAYTIME.
BUT...

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I CAN'T MEET ..
MOM AND DAD ANY-MORE!

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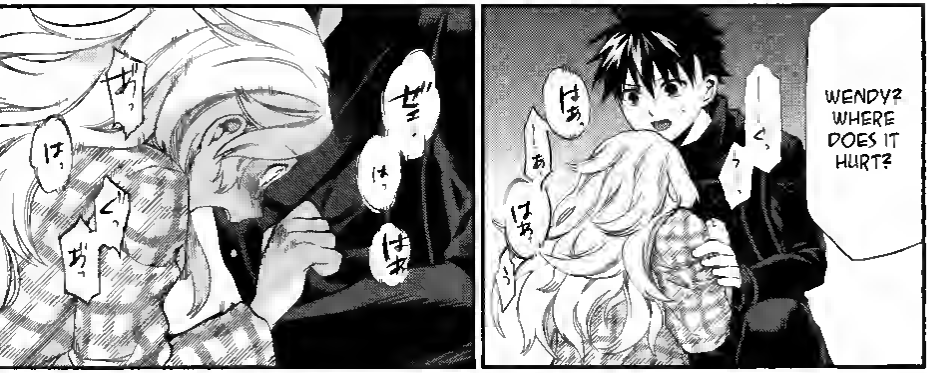
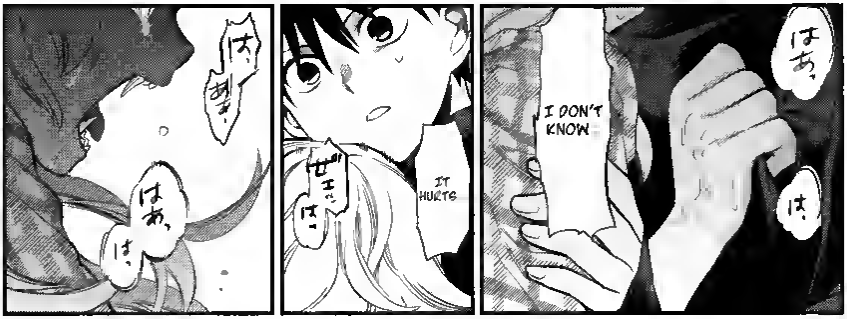

WENDY? WHERE DOES IT HURT?


I DON'T KNOW
IT HURTS

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HELP ME!

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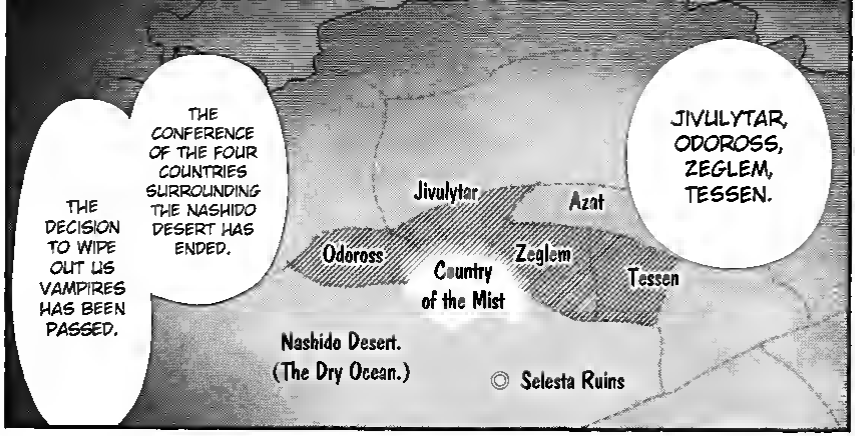
THE CONFERENCE OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES SURROUNDING THE NASHIDO DESERT HAS ENDED.
JIVULYTAR, ODOROSS, ZEGLEM, TESSEN.
THE DECISION TO WIPE OUT US VAMPIRES HAS BEEN PASSED.
Jivulytar
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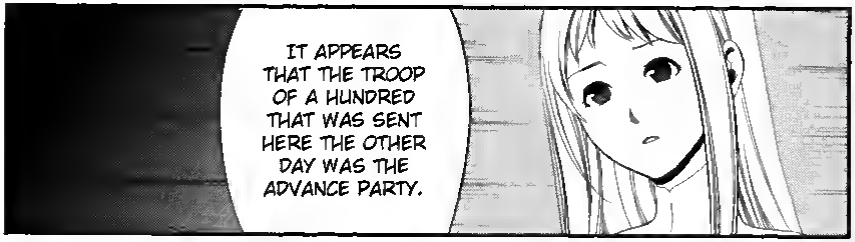
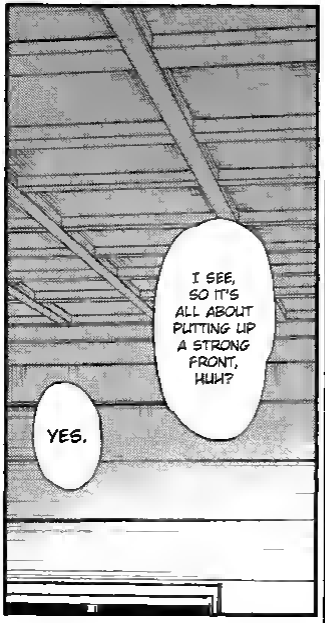
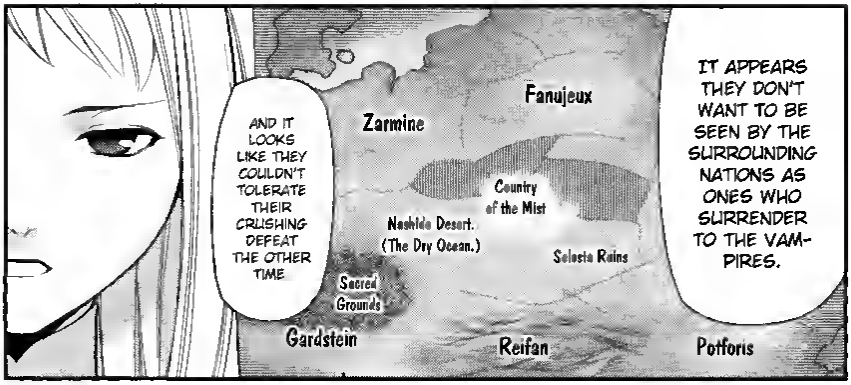
Zeglem
Country of the Mist
Tessen
Nashido Desert. (The Dry Ocean.)
Selesta Ruins


IT APPEARS THAT THE TROOP OF A HUNDRED THAT WAS SENT HERE THE OTHER DAY WAS THE ADVANCE PARTY.


I SEE, SO IT'S ALL ABOUT PUTTING UP A STRONG FRONT, HUH?
YES.

WE TOOK IN NEW COMRADES BEFORE THEY COULD AWAKEN.
AND WE WON'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS WE ARE THREATENED.
EVEN THOUGH HUMAN BEINGS HAVE NEVER SUFFERED BECAUSE OF US.


AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY COULDN'T TOLERATE THEIR CRUSHING DEFEAT THE OTHER TIME.
Zarmine
Fanujeux
Country of the Mist
Nashida Desert. (The Dry Ocean.)
Selesta Ruins
Sacred Grounds
Gardstein
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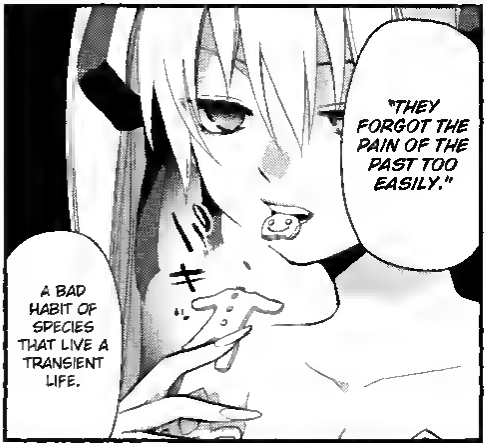
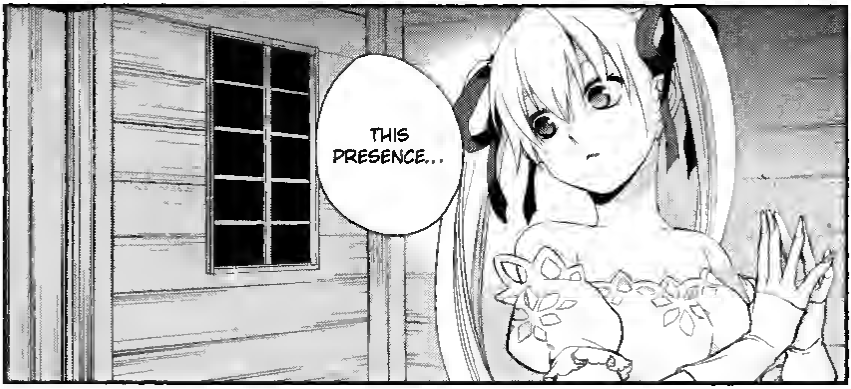
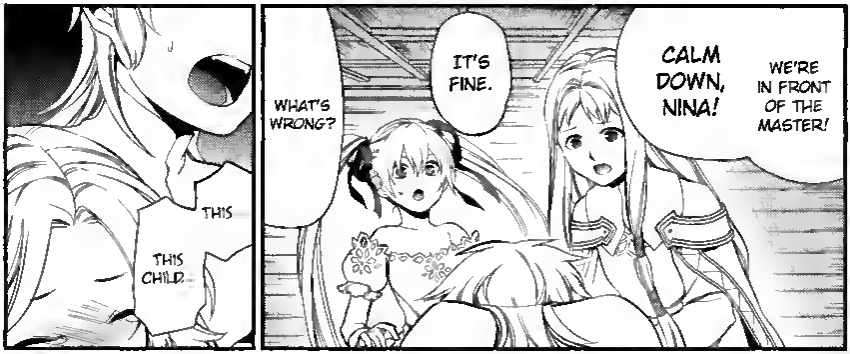
IT APPEARS THEY DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN BY THE SURROUNDING NATIONS AS ONES WHO SURRENDER TO THE VAMPIRES.


"THEY FORGOT THE PAIN OF THE PAST TOO EASILY."
A BAD HABIT OF SPECIES THAT LIVE A TRANSIENT LIFE.

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT
IF ONLY WE GAVE A SECOND THOUGHT TO THE COMPLETE ANNIHILATION OF THEIR ADVANCE TROOPS...


THIS PRESENCE...

THIS IS BAD!!


THIS CHILD...
THIS
WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S FINE.
CALM DOWN, NINA!
WE'RE IN FRONT OF THE MASTER!

SHE DRANK RAIN'S BLOOD.

IT'S MY FAULT!
I COULDN'T CONTROL MYSELF...
TRY THIS.
YOU MIGHT FEEL BETTER.

BUT IF I DO THAT, RAIN WILL BECOME A VAMPIRE AS WELL...
THAT'S DEPENDING ON THE PERSON WHOSE BLOOD GETS SUCKED.
AS LONG AS YOU DIDN'T BITE ME, I'LL BE FINE.
AH...
THOSE FANGS AND YOUR URGE TO DRINK BLOOD ARE BUT TEMPORARY.
IT'S LIKE THAT FOR EVERYONE IN THIS VILLAGE.
IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.
COME.
IF YOU CAN'T HOLD BACK, JUST DRINK THIS.

Even if she hadn't bitten you, the contract would still form the moment you offer her your blood.
I...
That young man might already be...
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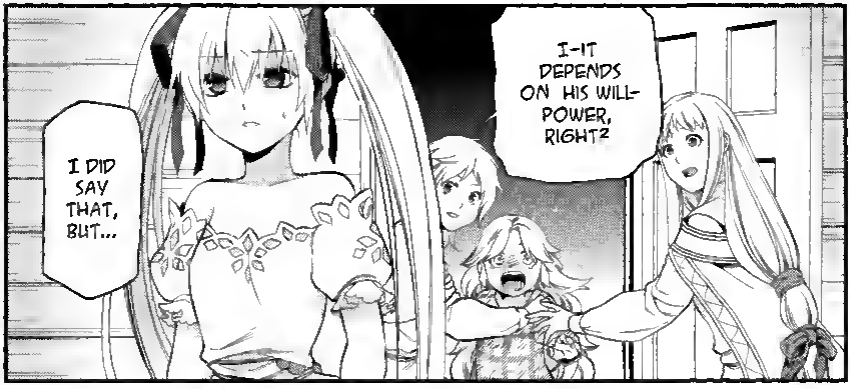
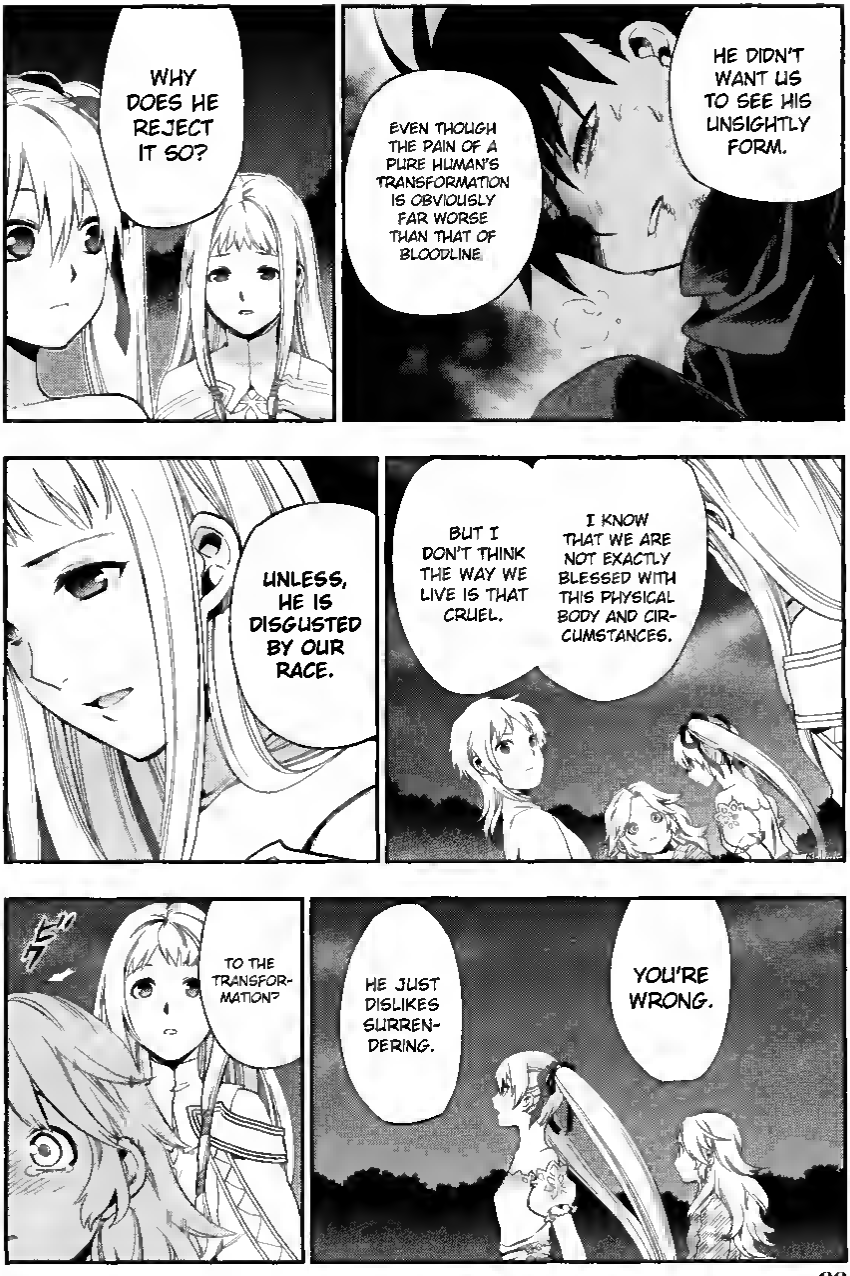

I-IT DEPENDS ON HIS WILL-POWER, RIGHT?
I DID SAY THAT, BUT...

IT'LL BE A MIRACLE IF HE ACTUALLY OVERCOMES IT
THE TRANSFORMATION USUALLY TAKES ONE NIGHT, BUT USUALLY, A HUMAN'S BODY AND SOUL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE IT.
HE'S GOING TO LOSE HIMSELF SOON AND START RAMPAGING. I'LL STAY BEHIND TO TAKE CARE OF HIM
NO.
I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE?
IF YOU CONTINUE TO STAY THERE...
I'M GOING TO GET DISTRACTED

ALRIGHT.
WE'LL DO AS YOU WISH.
IN ANY CASE, WE ALREADY KNOW THE OUTCOME.
WHAT!? WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE'RE WORRIED!
ALSO,
HEARING THAT MAKES ME WANT TO OVERCOME IT MORE
OF COURSE.
SHE'S OUR NEW AND PRECIOUS FAMILY MEMBER AFTER ALL.
SO... PLEASE... DON'T BLAME HER.
I WAS THE ONE WHO... MADE HER DRINK...

SORRY.
I'M IN YOUR DEBT.
TODAY, THE FOG WON'T APPEAR.
I'LL BE IN THE PLAZA.
CALL ME IF ANY-THING'S UP.
LADY SYLVIA!
IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT?
!
THERE WERE TRACES OF VOMIT AT THE CORNERS OF THE ROOM.
ALSO, THERE WERE CONSTANT SOUNDS FROM WHEN WE WERE IN THE WAITING ROOM UNTIL WE REACHED HIM.
HE WAS PROBABLY WRITHING ABOUT IN PAIN.


WHY DOES HE REJECT IT SO?
EVEN THOUGH THE PAIN OF A PURE HUMAN'S TRANSFORMATION IS OBVIOUSLY FAR WORSE THAN THAT OF BLOODLINE
HE DIDN'T WANT US TO SEE HIS UNSIGHTLY FORM.
UNLESS, HE IS DISGUSTED BY OUR RACE.
BUT I DON'T THINK THE WAY WE LIVE IS THAT CRUEL.
I KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT EXACTLY BLESSED WITH THIS PHYSICAL BODY AND CIRCUMSTANCES.
TO THE TRANSFORMATION?
HE JUST DISLIKES SURRENDERING.
YOU'RE WRONG.

I'M SURE NO MATTER WHAT HE'S UP AGAINST, HE WON'T GIVE UP THAT EASILY.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
ALRIGHT THEN.
FIRST THING'S FIRST... DISPERSE!
I WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON THAT BOY'S CONDITION, SO I WON'T BRING OUT THE FOG TODAY.
TELL EVERYONE NOT TO COME OUT WHEN DAYTIME ARRIVES.
OKAY.
WENDY, YOU'LL WAIT WITH THEM.

IF RAIN REVERTS BACK TO HIS NORMAL SELF, PLEASE VISIT HIM WITH A SMILE.
HE'LL DEFINITELY BE HAPPY.
THIS PRES-ENCE...

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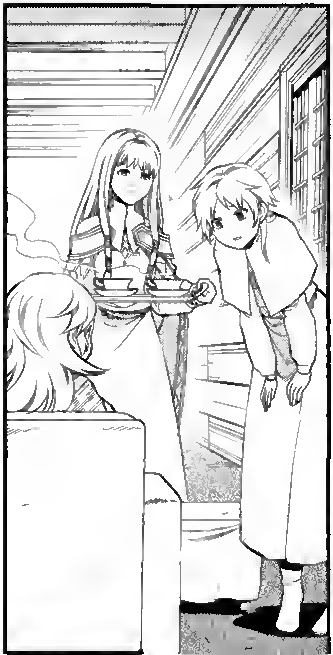


IT'S EASY TO RUN AWAY FROM THIS TORMENT.
YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT, DON'T YOU?

YOU WANT TO SAVE THAT CHILD.

ISN'T IT GREAT TO JOIN THEIR RANKS?
THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM!
YOU DON'T FEEL ANY REPUGNANCE TOWARD THE OTHER GIRLS EITHER

AND THIS TIME, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEM.

ESCAPE THIS SUFFERING.
BECOME HER FOLLOWER.
AND ATTAIN THE POWER OF A VAMPIRE.

I'm starting to have the chills...
Damn it...
I sure have some persuasive power.

SO WHY ARE YOU SO ASHAMED OF WHAT YOU WILL BECOME?
POWER IS WHAT YOU WILL ACHIEVE WHEN MUCH GREATER FORCES OVERCOME YOU.

AS IF.. HAWK... WOULD SAY SUCH THINGS...

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOUR HEART FABRICATED EVERYTHING SO THAT YOU WILL RELIEVE YOURSELF OF YOUR SUFFERING.

HAHA...
HOW APPROPRIATE... I'M REALLY PUSHING IT, HUH...

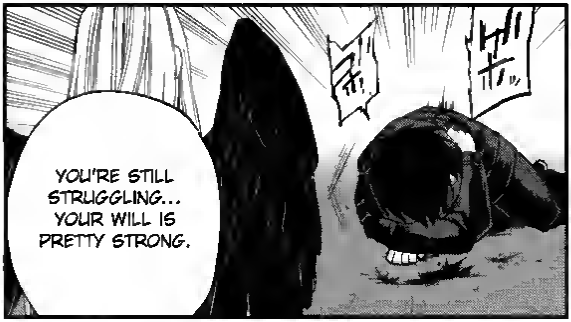
WHAT A COWARD
Somehow, I was able to hold myself.
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NO WAY YOU WOULD HAVE DECEIVED ME.
BORROWING OTHER PEOPLE'S MOUTHS...
BUT IF YOU CONTINUE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS, SOON ENOUGH EVEN YOUR SANITY WILL BE TAKEN AWAY.
SO IT'S YOU...
YOU SURE LIKE TO STICK AROUND..
YOU SURE ARE TRYING HARD.
ARE YOU REALLY THAT AFRAID OF TRANSFORMING?

I HAD A CHILDHOOD FRIEND..
COMPARED TO THEN... THIS SORT OF THING...
AS IF..
I WAS AFRAID...
I WAS AFRAID THAT FYNN WOULD DIE.
BUT...
I WAS AFRAID OF GETTING KILLED AS WELL!

IT WAS HEROIC OF YOU TO HAVE TAKEN ON MOUNTAIN BANDITS DESPITE YOUR POWER-LESSNESS.
I HAVE SEEN THAT BEFORE.
APPARENTLY, THAT'S NOT TRUE.
IT'S NORMAL FOR A PERSON TO WANT TO SAVE HIMSELF.
IF I'D WANTED TO BE SAVED, I'D WANTED IT TO BE THE ROTH OF US.
IF THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE... AT LEAST FYNN...

I WAS THE ONLY ONE...
YET...

IF I HADN'T BEEN SO COWARDLY, I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE HER.
IF ONLY I HAD POWER...


YOU'RE STILL STRUGGLING... YOUR WILL IS PRETTY STRONG.

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YOU'RE REALLY AN INTERESTING PERSON.
I HAVE SEEN IT IN HER VISIONS AS WELL.

HEY.

I CAN HELP YOU, YOU KNOW.

YOU WANT TO BECOME STRONGER, RIGHT?
I WILL GIVE YOU SOME OF MY POWER.
MY POWERS WILL DEFINITELY OVERCOME THIS TRANSFORM-ATION
I WON'T TAKE YOUR SOUL AS A PAYMENT.
I REFUSE!!
THERE'S NO MEAN-ING...
IN BEING SAVED.

DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
IF YOU CONTINUE TO BE LIKE THAT, I CAN'T HELP YOU!
YOUR BODY WILL BREAK APART AS WELL!
IT WILL TAKE CONTROL OF YOU AND TAKE AWAY YOUR CON-SCIENCE
TAKE MY HAND!
NOW!

LEAVE ME BE...
BUT... PLEASE...
THANKS... FOR WORRYING...
MY BAD.
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THAT'S WHY... I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE THE MESS I'M IN.
YOU'RE A REAL BEAUTY...

DO AS YOU PLEASE.
YOU HAVE THE QUALITIES TO BE A HERO.
MAKE SURE YOU MAKE IT.
WHAT...
WAS THAT?
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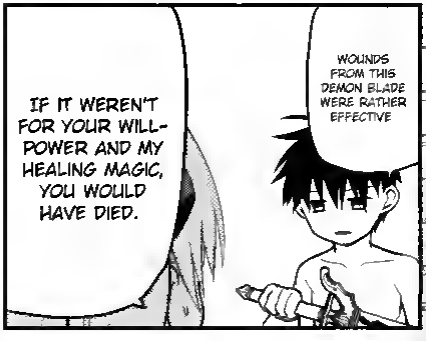
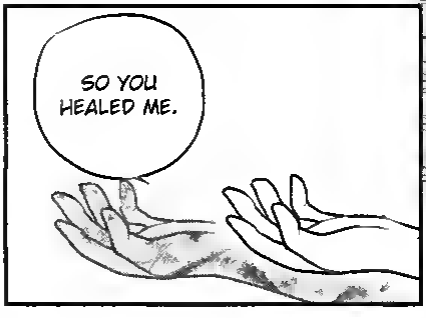
That strange presence that was always around him.
I left it alone because I didn't sense any ill intentions from it...
I can sense his Exceed, so I suppose he's still alive
The question is what state he's in...
RAIN...?
CHAPTER 5.
VAMPIRE MASTER.

YOU'RE AWAKE!
TO WOUND YOURSELF IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN YOUR SANITY...

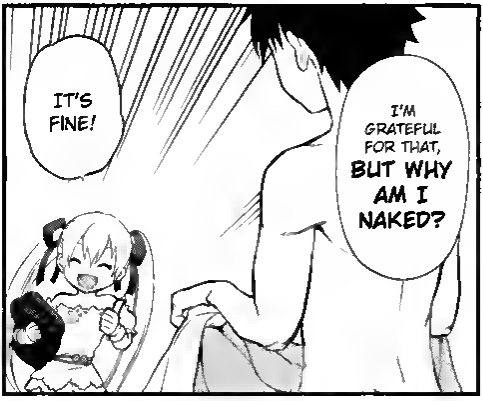
It's been two days...
Since I regained my consciousness after enduring the transformation.


WOUNDS FROM THIS DEMON BLADE WERE RATHER EFFECTIVE
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR WILL-POWER AND MY HEALING MAGIC, YOU WOULD HAVE DIED.

IF I WERE TO FAINT, IT WOULD BE OVER.


SO YOU HEALED ME.

NO ONE ELSE SAW ANYTHING.

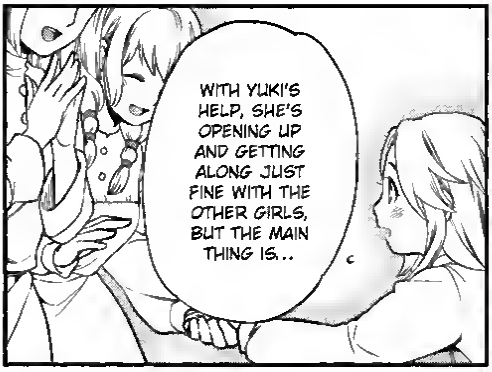

IT'S FINE!
I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT, BUT WHY AM I NAKED?

ARE YOU MOURNING SOMEONE?

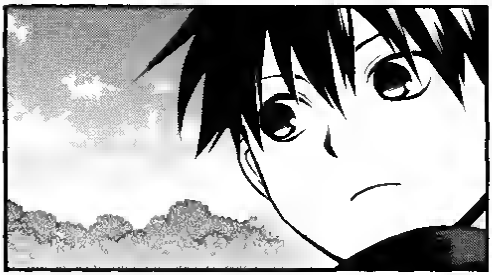
I FIXED THIS FOR YOU AS WELL.
Why is she licking her lips?

I'LL DO WITH BLACK
WHY DON'T YOU TRY WEARING BRIGHTER COLORS? AFTER ALL, YOU'RE ATTRACTIVE.

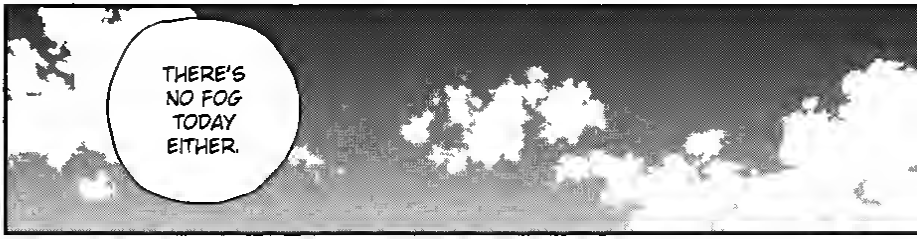
NOT REALLY.


WITH YUKI'S HELP, SHE'S OPENING UP AND GETTING ALONG JUST FINE WITH THE OTHER GIRLS, BUT THE MAIN THING IS...

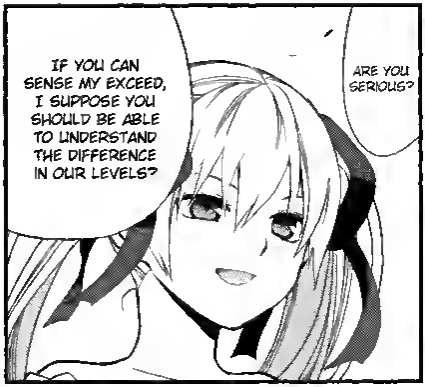
YOU EARNED THE TITLE OF A HERO DURING YOUR SLEEP.
Urgh



HOW'S WENDY DOING?
SHE'S FINE.
THE AMOUNT OF BLOOD SHE DRANK WASN'T MUCH OF A PROBLEM.
SHE'S ALSO PAST HER TRANS-FORMATION PERIOD AND SHE'S ALREADY GETTING USED TO THE LIFE IN THIS VILLAGE


THERE'S NO FOG TODAY EITHER.

FOR TODAY, NO ONE WILL GET IN OUR WAY.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE AWAKE.
NOW THEN.
LET'S HEAR YOUR REAL MOTIVE FOR COMING HERE.
BUT I DON'T THINK YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO TELL ME THAT.
YOU TOLD ME ABOUT HAWK'S DEATH...


IF YOU CAN SENSE MY EXCEED, I SUPPOSE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR LEVELS?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

I WANT TO CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL.

OF COURSE I CAN

BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT I CAN'T REACH YOU.

IT'S AS IF I'M LOOKING UP AT THE PEAK OF THE MOUNTAIN FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE EARTH
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT SUCH A PRESENCE.

THAT'S SO UNLIKE YOU...
BECAUSE I'M THE GENIUS SWORDSMAN WHO DEFEATED THE SWORDSMAN OF THE WIND.
BUT...
IF YOU STILL PLAN ON CHALLENGING OTHER PEOPLE SO RECKLESSLY LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE...
I'LL DO YOU A FAVOR AND BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF YOU NOW.

He caught my steps and synchronized his single attack.
His timing is so perfect that it feels like a barrier...

IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
THAT WAS HAWK'S *IAIDO TECHNIQUE.
*The art of drawing the sword and cutting the opponent with one strike
JUST LIKE THE CASE WITH THE EXCEED, IT'S SOMETHING I REMEMBERED JUST BY WATCHING
HAWK WAS CERTAINLY MY MASTER, BUT..
IT'S THE TRUTH.. I CAN'T HELP IT.
DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG HE TOOK TO PERFECT THAT TECHNIQUE?
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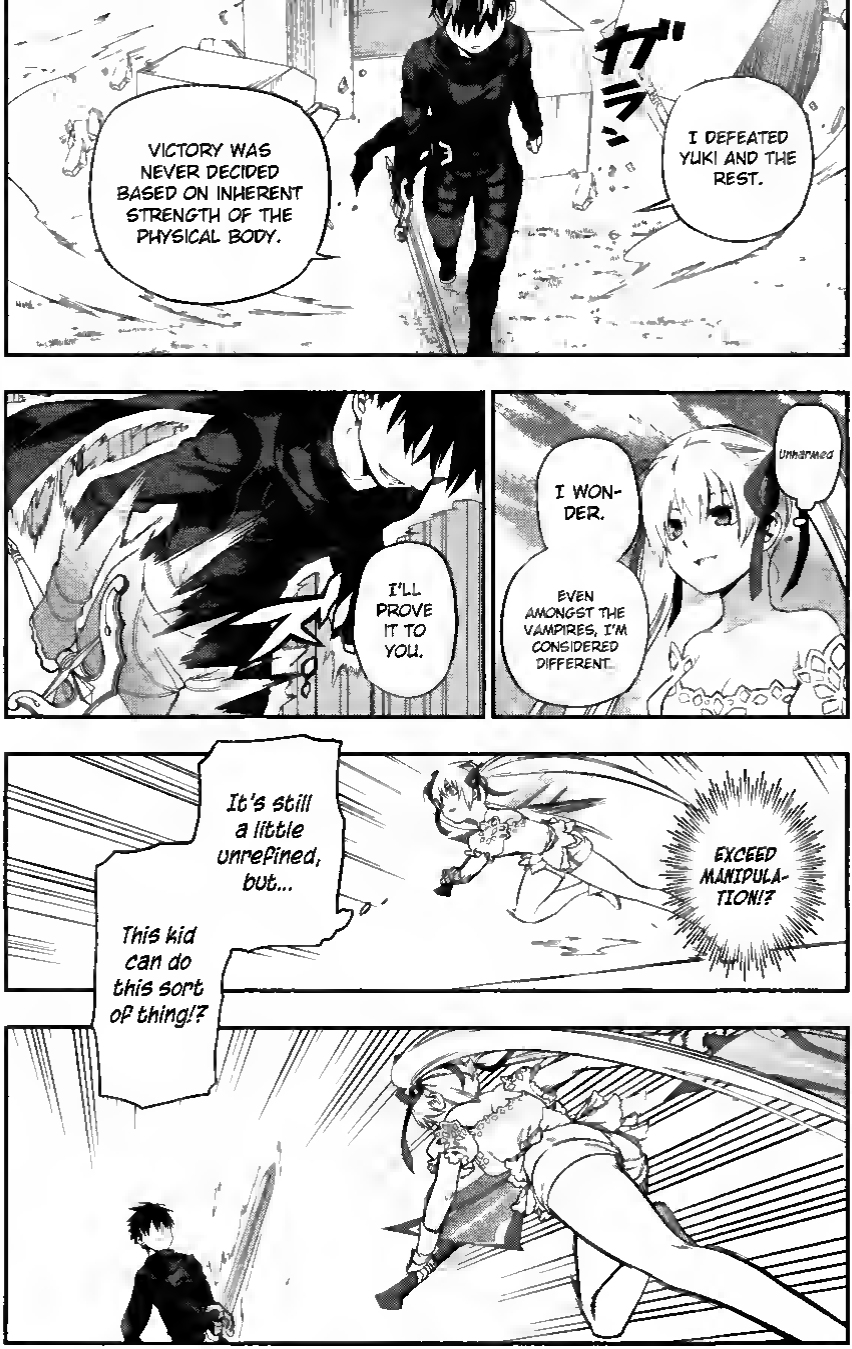
THAT IS THE WORK OF A GENIUS
INDEED

I'm in trouble.
Was it from the right and left? Or did she swing both at the same time?
Her second sword compensates for the interval created on swinging her first sword.
It will be difficult to parry at this stage.
She launched a barrage of attacks with inhuman speed and strength...
Then...

A GOOD ATTEMPT.
A THROWING TECHNIQUE?
BUT TOO BAD.

THERE'S ALREADY A STARK DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LIMITS OF OUR SKELETAL FRAME AND PHYSICAL STRENGTH
THAT'S NOT TRUE


I DEFEATED YUKI AND THE REST.
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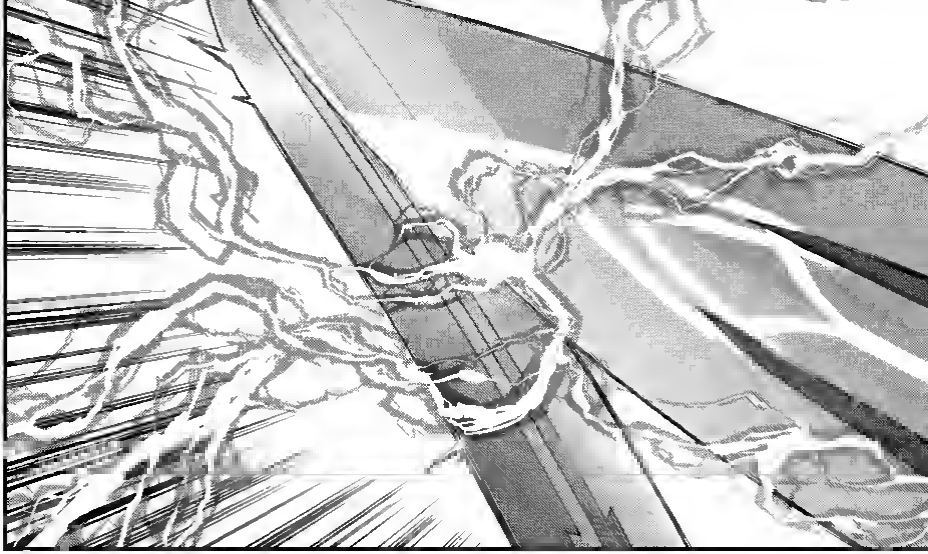
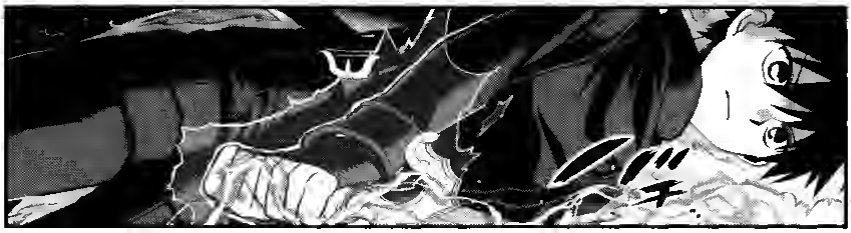
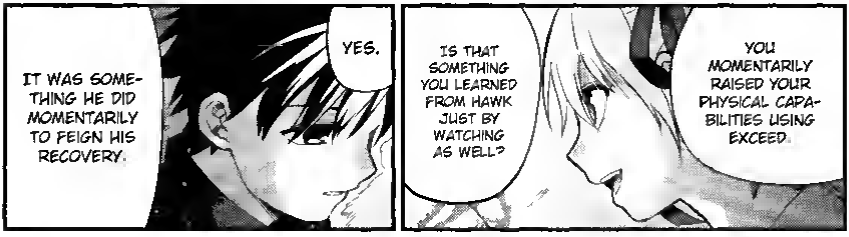
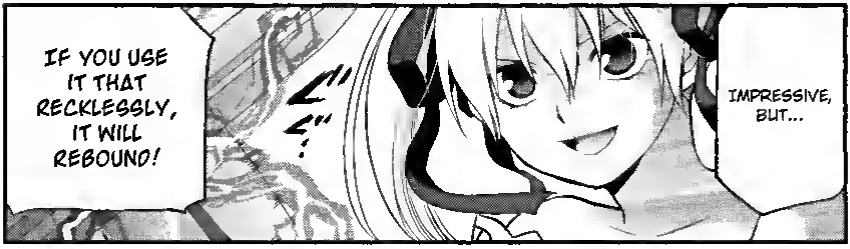
VICTORY WAS NEVER DECIDED BASED ON INHERENT STRENGTH OF THE PHYSICAL BODY.
I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU.
I WON-DER.
EVEN AMONGST THE VAMPIRES, I'M CONSIDERED DIFFERENT.
Unharmed
EXCEED MANIPULA-TION!?
It's still a little unrefined, but...
This kid can do this sort of thing!?

He saw through them!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WIN JUST BY DODGING!



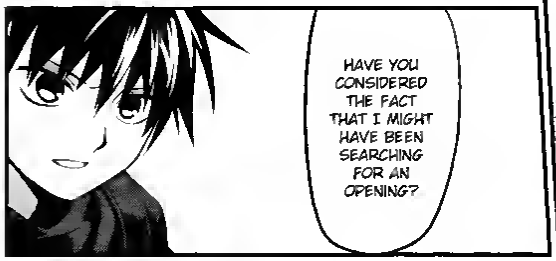



IT WAS SOMETHING HE DID MOMENTARILY TO FEIGN HIS RECOVERY.
YES.
IS THAT SOMETHING YOU LEARNED FROM HAWK JUST BY WATCHING AS WELL?
YOU MOMENTARILY RAISED YOUR PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES USING EXCEED.


IF YOU USE IT THAT RECKLESSLY, IT WILL REBOUND!
IMPRESSIVE, BUT...

Even with my Exceed, this impact is...

ARE YOU HAVING A LITTLE PROBLEM JUST BLOCKING MY ATTACKS?


HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE FACT THAT I MIGHT HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR AN OPENING?

AH.

Right.
SUCH INSOLENCE... I WANT TO BRING YOU DOWN ALL THE MORE.
Followed by a left

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THIS IS THE END!

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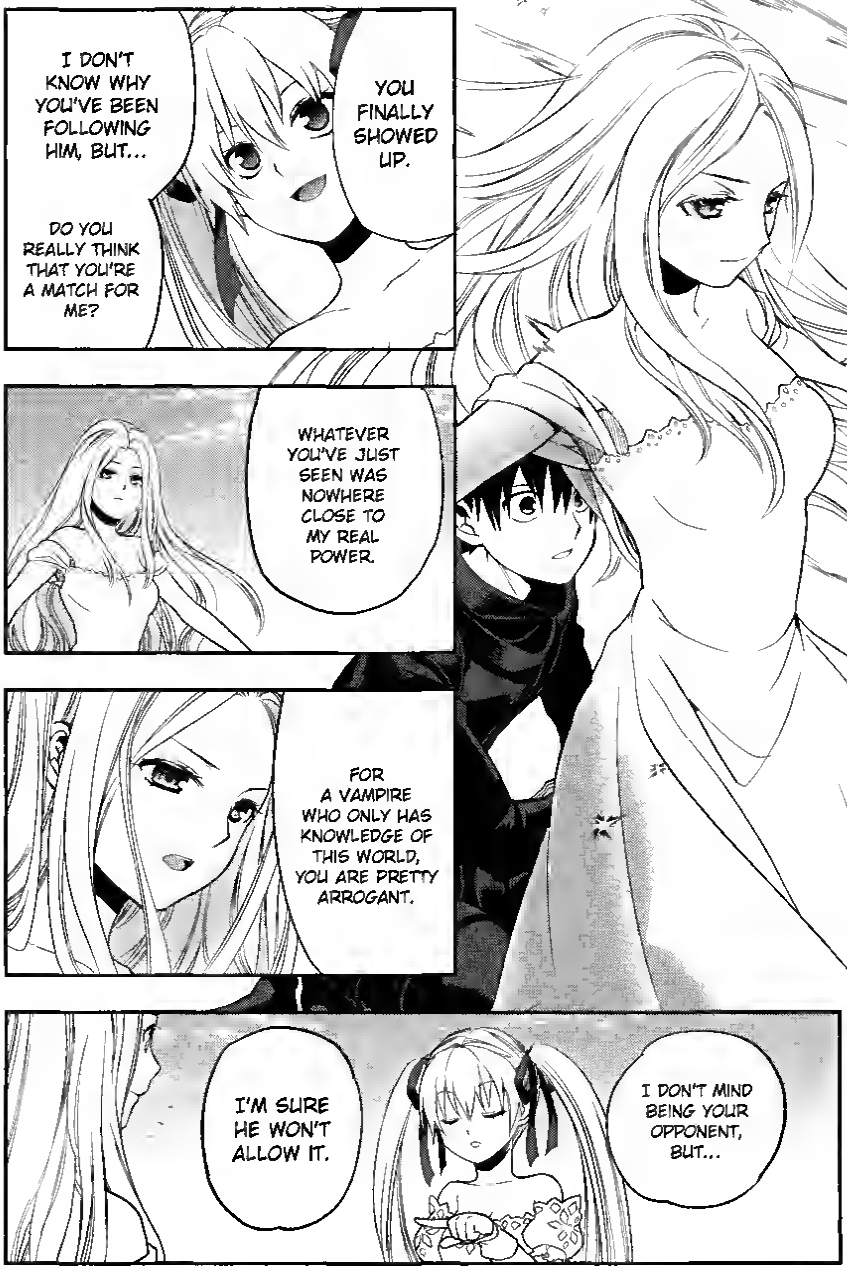
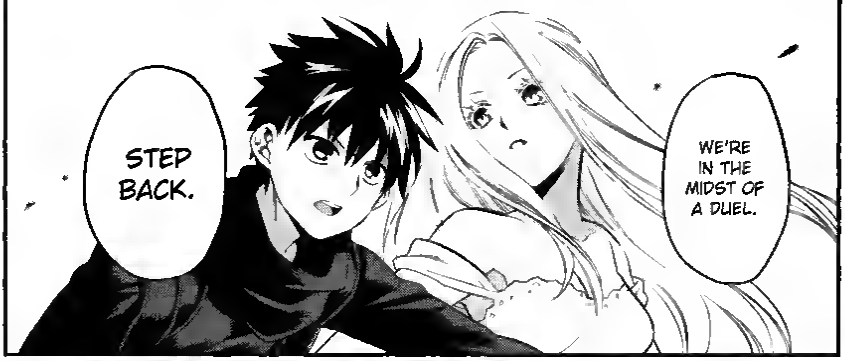
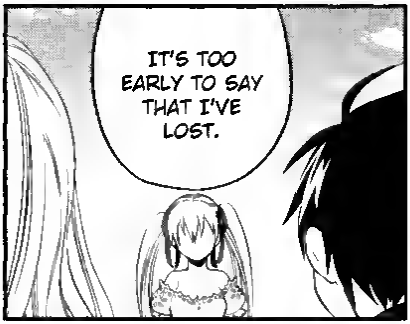
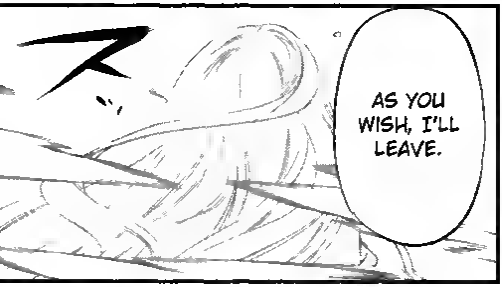
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO KILL HIM.
PLEASE STEP BACK, VAMPIRE.


YOU FINALLY SHOWED UP.
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HIM, BUT...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT YOU'RE A MATCH FOR ME?
WHATEVER YOU'VE JUST SEEN WAS NOWHERE CLOSE TO MY REAL POWER.
FOR A VAMPIRE WHO ONLY HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THIS WORLD, YOU ARE PRETTY ARROGANT.
I DON'T MIND BEING YOUR OPPONENT, BUT...
I'M SURE HE WON'T ALLOW IT.

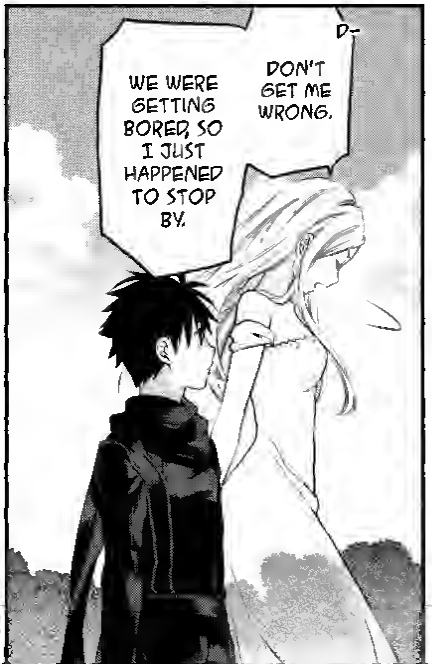

STEP BACK.
WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF A DUEL.

I'LL BE OKAY.
I OVERCAME THE TRANS-FORMATION.


IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT I'VE LOST.


AS YOU WISH, I'LL LEAVE.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WAIT!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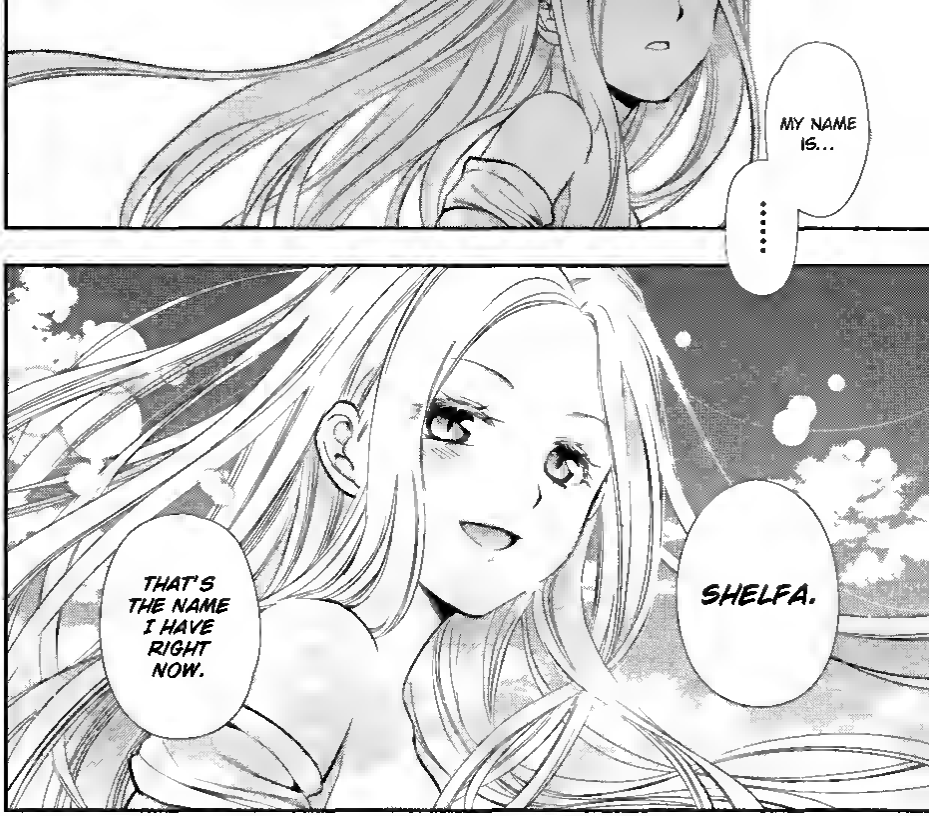
DON'T GET ME WRONG.
WE WERE GETTING BORED, SO I JUST HAPPENED TO STOP BY.


MY NAME IS...
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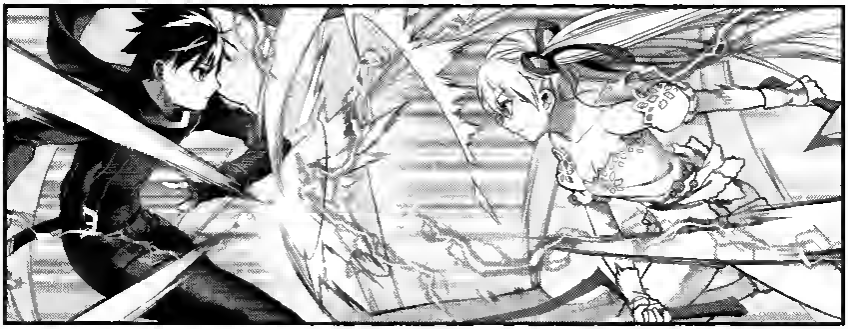
SHELFA.
THAT'S THE NAME I HAVE RIGHT NOW.

PLEASE COME AND SEE ME ONE DAY...
OKAY, RAIN?
THERE'S NO HARM IN REMEMBERING IT.

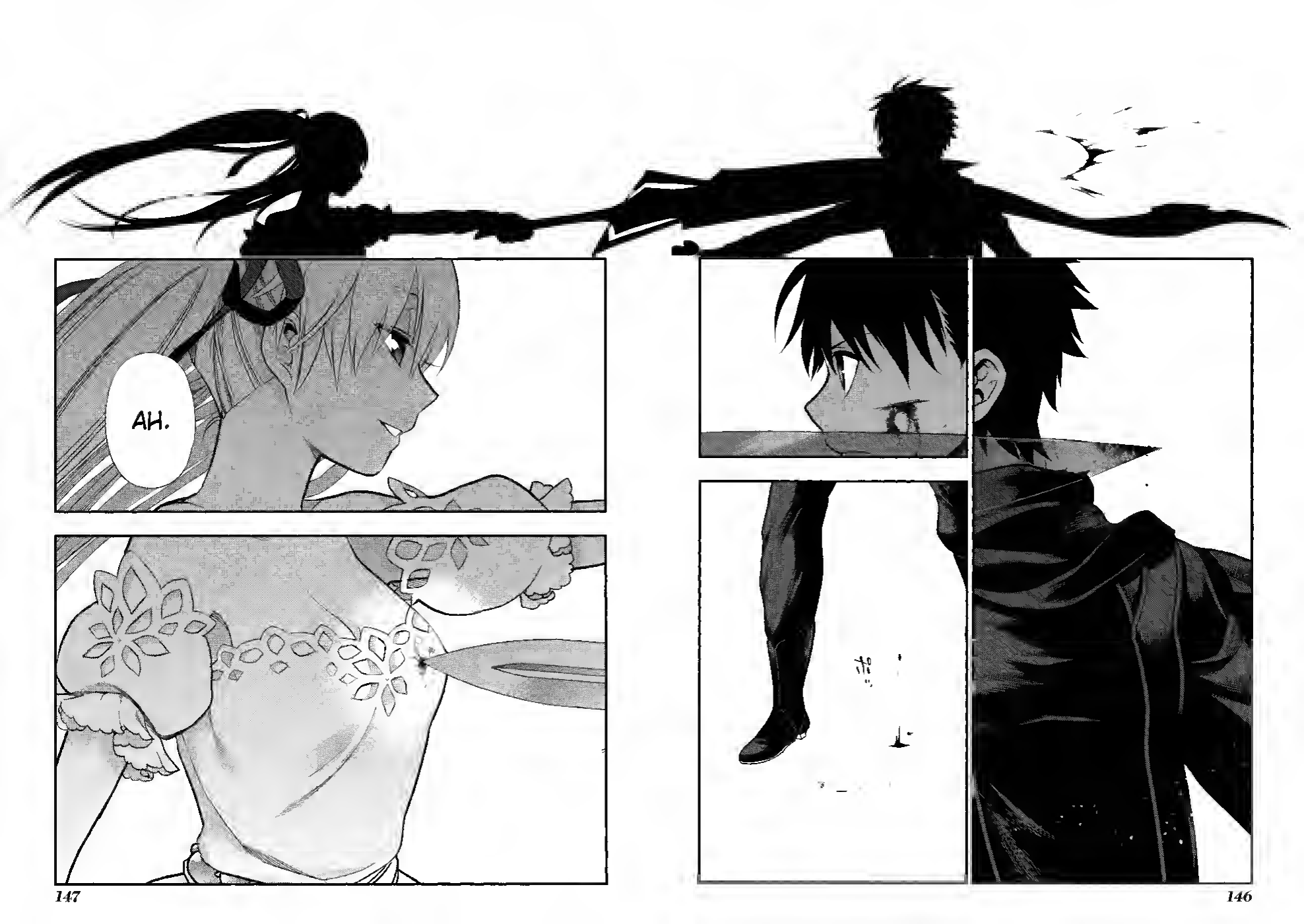
I HEARD THAT THEY WERE DESTROYED A LONG TIME AGO...
I SEE...
IF I'D KNOWN THAT, I WOULD HAVE CHALLENGED HER TO A DUEL.
A DEMON, HUH .. LOOKS LIKE A TROUBLE-SOME EXISTENCE THAT EXPECTS QUITE A LOT FROM YOU.
A DEMON?
To human beings, the terror of demons is deeply rooted
Even though they only exist in l egends nowadays...
ズバッ
His tenacity in wanting to become stronger is really quite impressive
?
NOTHING.
I HAVE TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.



The rebound from the Exceed should have kicked in already
But this child..
He's becoming even quicker.

I've already gotten used to her swordplay.
I should only compensate for my physical strength with Exceed.
This speed is wasting my energy.
And the rebound is kicking in.
She's strong.
SO THIS IS...
A VAMPIRE MASTER!!

THIS IS THE FINAL STRIKE!
SYLVIA ROSEN-BURG!


AH.

"It's as if I'm looking up at the peak of the mountain from the bottom of the earth..."

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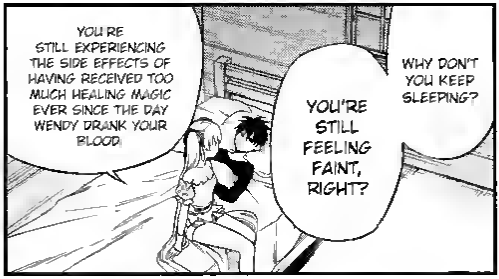
THE LAST CHAPTER.

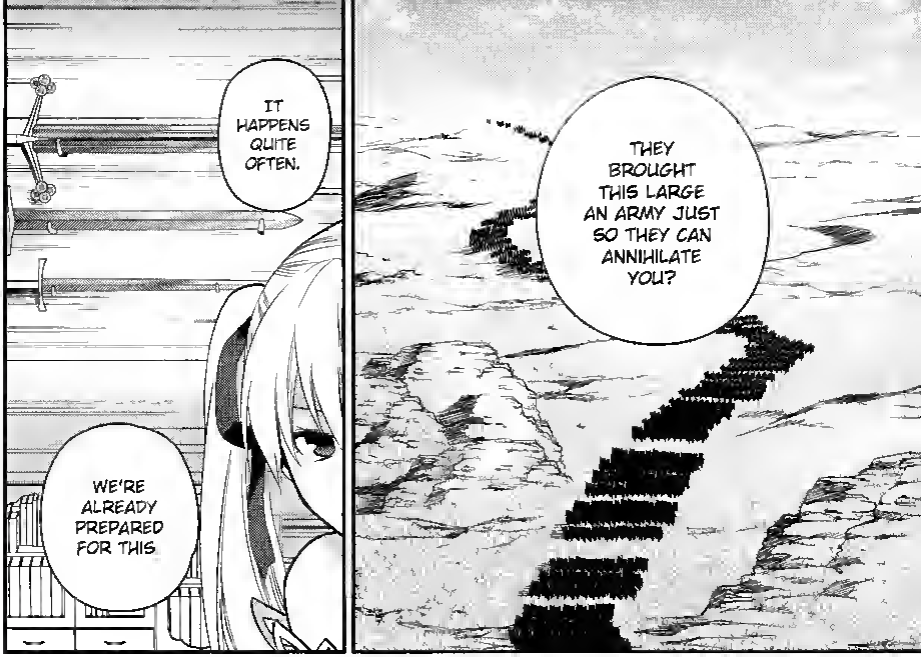
I SENSE EXCEED FROM SOME-WHERE AFAR.

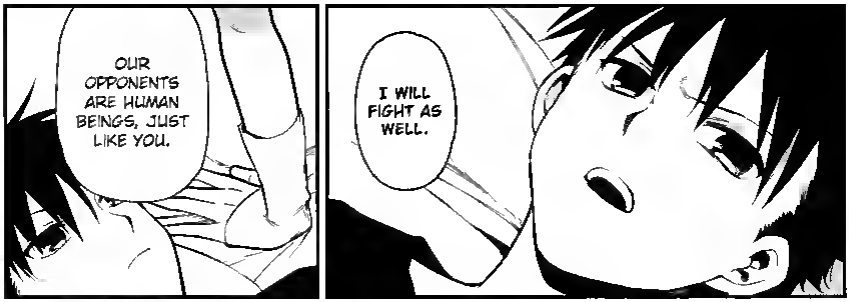

YOU'RE STILL EXPERIENCING THE SIDE EFFECTS OF HAVING RECEIVED TOO MUCH HEALING MAGIC EVER SINCE THE DAY WENDY DRANK YOUR BLOOD.
WHY DON'T YOU KEEP SLEEPING?
YOU'RE STILL FEELING FAINT, RIGHT?

I ENCOUN-TERED THEIR ADVANCE PARTY ON MY WAY HERE

THE OTHER COUNTRIES ARE JOINING IN AS WELL.

AND IT'S NOT JUST A THOUSAND OR TWO.
IT'S THEIR WILL TO FIGHT...
AND I DARESAY...


IT HAPPENS QUITE OFTEN.
WE'RE ALREADY PREPARED FOR THIS.
THEY BROUGHT THIS LARGE AN ARMY JUST SO THEY CAN ANNIHILATE YOU?

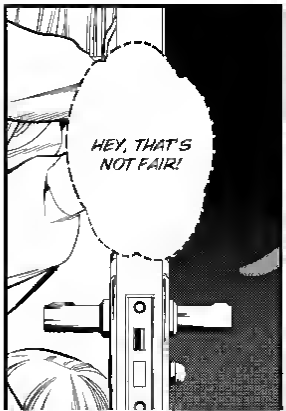

OUR OPPONENTS ARE HUMAN BEINGS, JUST LIKE YOU.
I WILL FIGHT AS WELL.

WHAT WE DID TO YOUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS?
YOU MUST HAVE FELT IT ON THE WAY HERE, DIDN'T YOU?

BUT YOU BUILT THE GRAVEYARD FOR THEM, DIDN'T YOU?
I COULD SMELL THE LEFTOVER BLOOD.
YOU'RE THE PEOPLE THAT I WANT TO PROTECT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US.
THAT'S WHY...
I WILL FIGHT...
YOU'RE SO STUBBORN.

THAT'S WHY I LIKE YOU.

AH, HE'S AWAKE!
DID HE REALLY SAY THAT HE'S GOING TO FIGHT WITH US...
RE-ALLY?


HEY, THAT'S NOT FAIR!

I-I'LL GET SOME FOOD.
YEAH, JUST AS WENDY SAID!
HE'S PRETTY COOL.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
CAN YOU GIRLS BE A LITTLE MORE QUIET?

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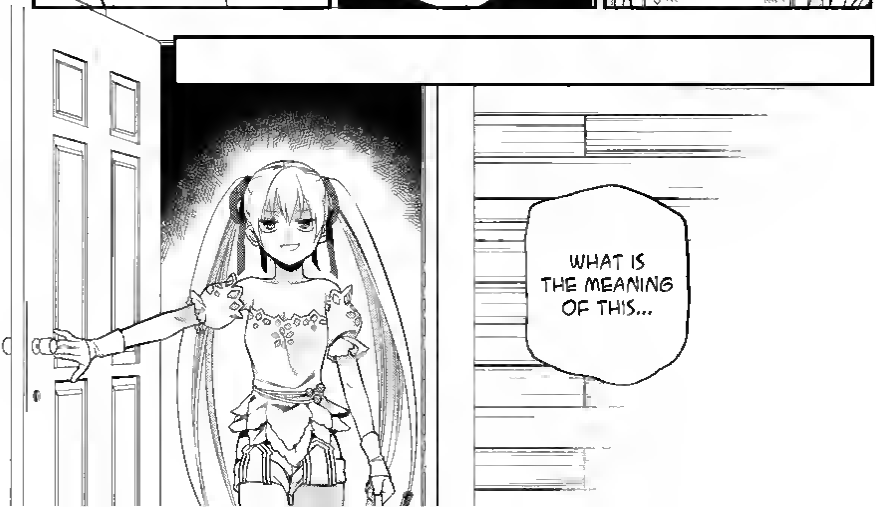
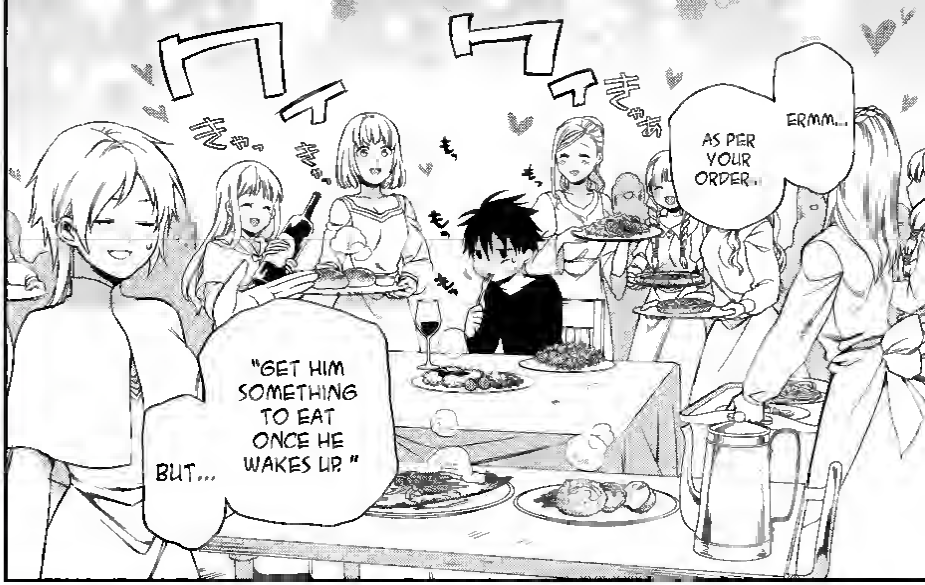
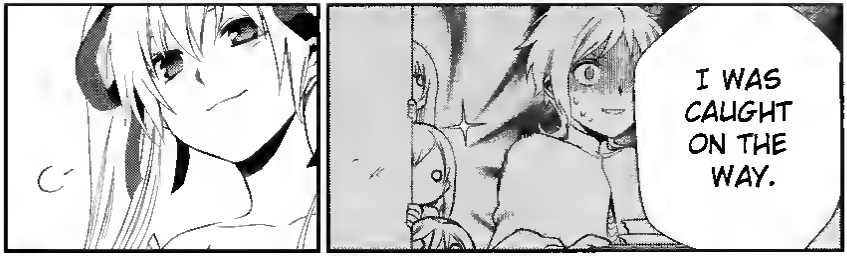
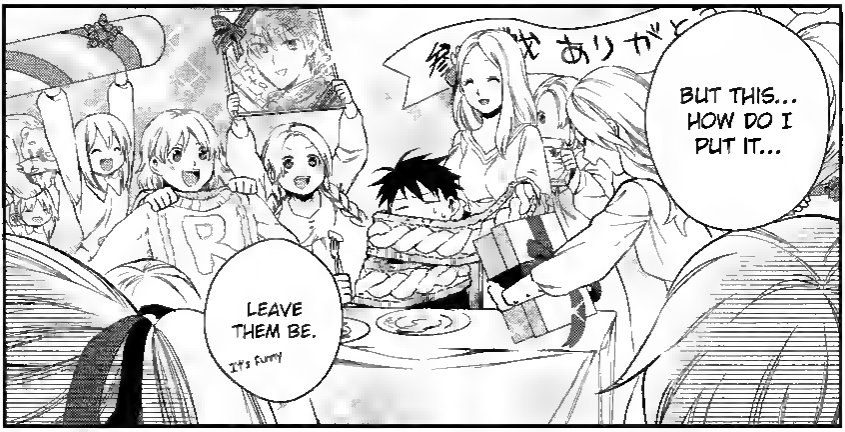
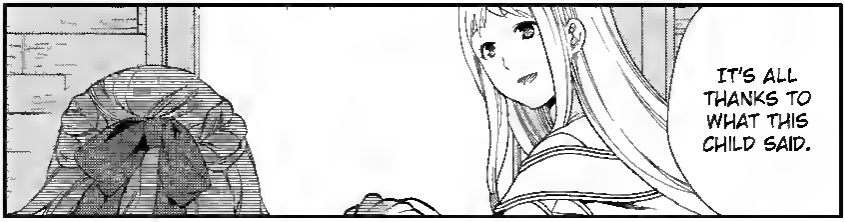

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS...

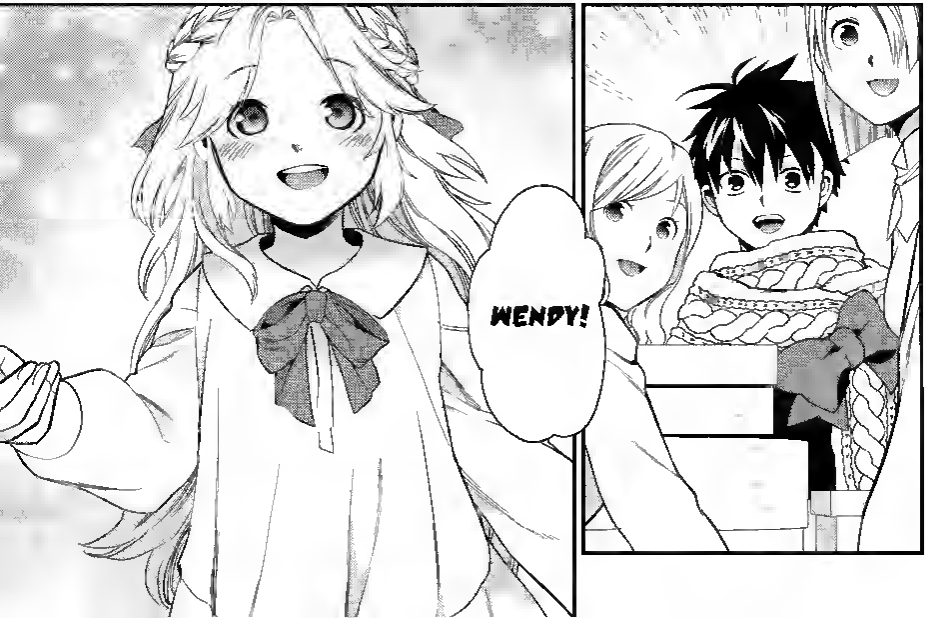

ERMM...
AS PER YOUR ORDER..
"GET HIM SOMETHING TO EAT ONCE HE WAKES UP."
BUT...

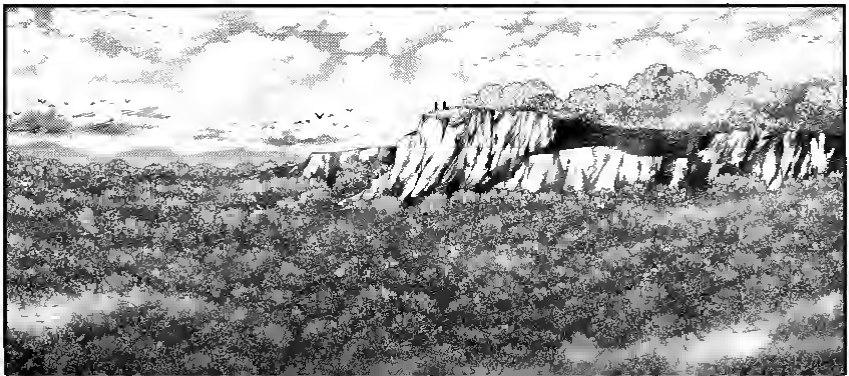

I WAS CAUGHT ON THE WAY.

Of course they must be happy to have a human ally.
An existence that was born human but hated by their fellow species.
Because of their transformation, they are even shunned by their own family members.


BUT THIS... HOW DO I PUT IT...
LEAVE THEM BE.
It's funny


IT'S ALL THANKS TO WHAT THIS CHILD SAID.

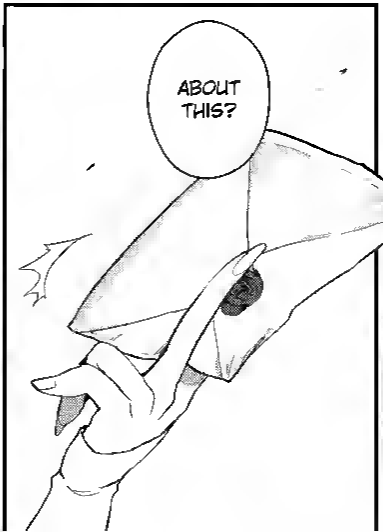

WENDY!



ALTHOUGH YOU PUT THE FOG UP...
ISN'T THIS A LITTLE TOO THIN FOR THE REST TO FIGHT AT THEIR BEST?

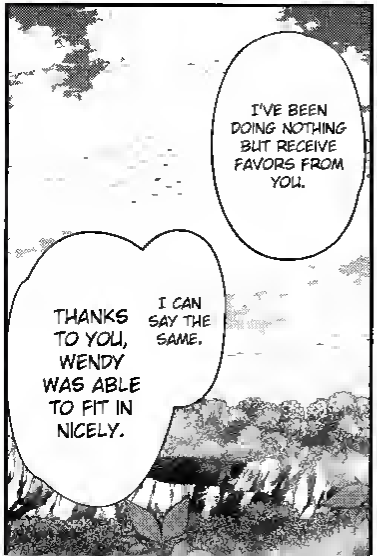

I'LL DO THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WEATHER AND OUR FORMATIONS ONCE THE ENEMY STOPS MARCHING
THEIR NUMBERS ARE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH IF I PUT UP TOO HEAVY A FOG, THEY MIGHT BECOME MORE WARY AND THAT WILL BE TROUBLESOME

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?
WHO DID YOU THINK FIXED YOUR CLOTHES FOR YOU?
It was in your pocket


ABOUT THIS?

SINCE WE'RE HERE, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING

I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THAT.
HAVING SAID THAT, IF YOU DON'T POSSESS THE POTENTIAL, YOU WON'T EVEN GET PAST THE BASICS
AH! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

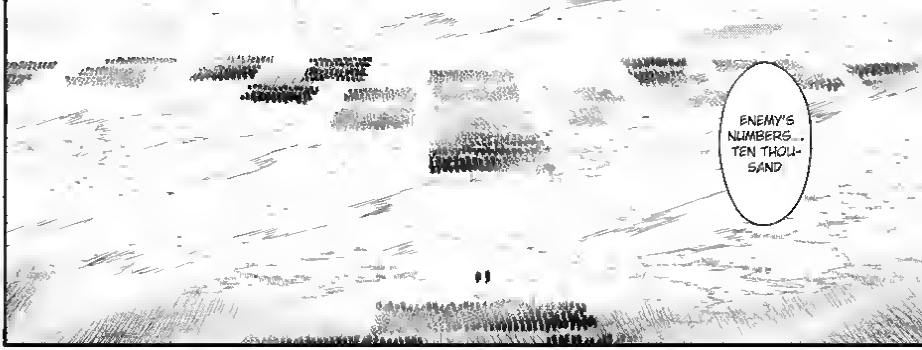

I'VE BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT RECEIVE FAVORS FROM YOU.
I CAN SAY THE SAME.
THANKS TO YOU, WENDY WAS ABLE TO FIT IN NICELY.

INDEED, I DID RECEIVE THE LETTER OF INTRODUCTION
HOW ABOUT I, THE GREATEST RUNEMASTER IN HISTORY, TEACH MY DEAR FRIEND'S FAVORITE STUDENT, WHO'S ALSO MY DEAR FRIEND AND FINAL RIVAL...
THE TECHNIQUE TO MASTERING MAGIC?

WELL.. SINCE WE'RE HERE,
I MIGHT AS WELL THANK YOU NOW.
ウァ…
IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME GETTING A SURPRISE ATTACK?

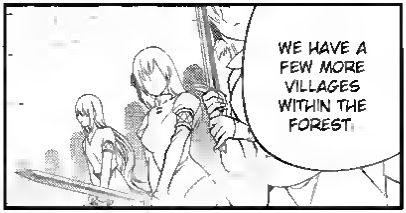
EVEN AMONG MY COMRADES, I'M A SPECIAL CASE.
LOOKS LIKE YOUR TEACHER HAS TO TEACH YOU QUITE A LOT OF STUFF.
GRAB-BING THE HANDS...
HAND-LING THE LEGS.
THAT AND THAT
Why are you licking your lips?
I'LL BE WAITING.
AH.

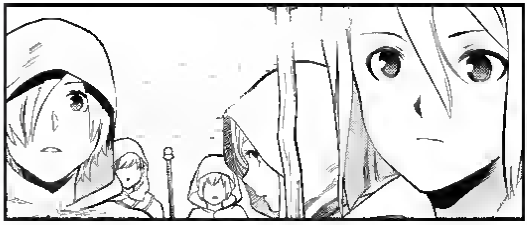
NOW THEN.
THE SOLDIERS MUST BE WAITING.
THE FOG IS GETTING THICKER.
IT WAS STILL QUITE CLEAR UNTIL JUST NOW.
THE FOG IS...

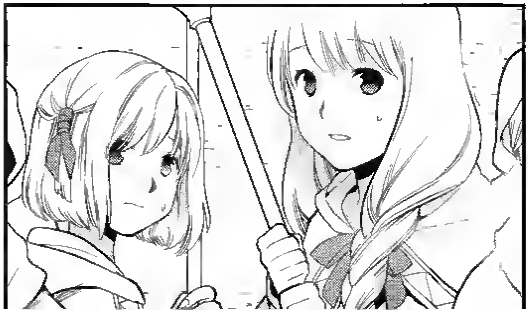

ENEMY'S NUMBERS... TEN THOU-SAND

THERE'S ACTUALLY QUITE A FEW OF US.
AGAINST OUR FIVE HUNDRED.

MOREOVER, I HAVE TO BRING THE YOUNGER GIRLS OUT TO EXPERIENCE REAL BATTLES.


WE HAVE A FEW MORE VILLAGES WITHIN THE FOREST.



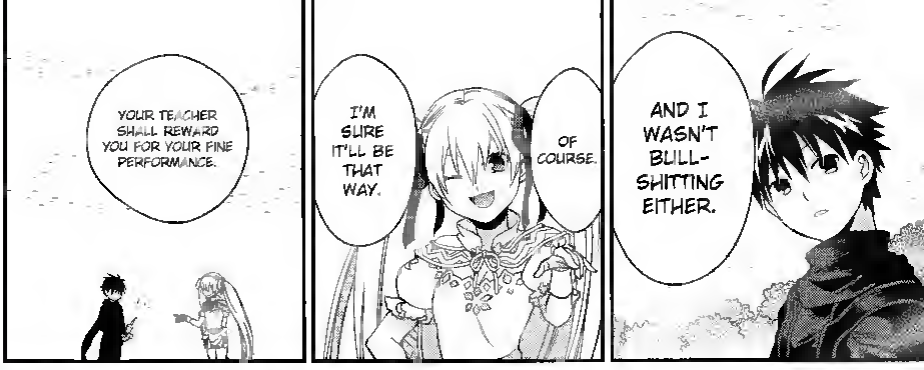


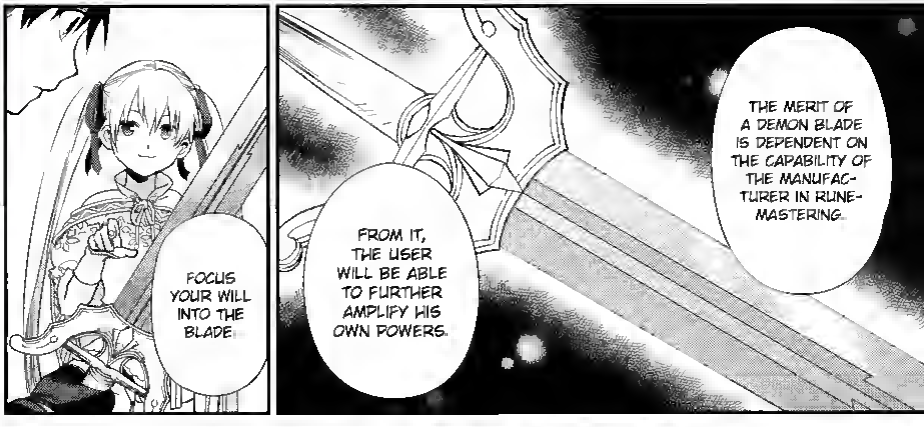
RAIN, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS BATTLE?

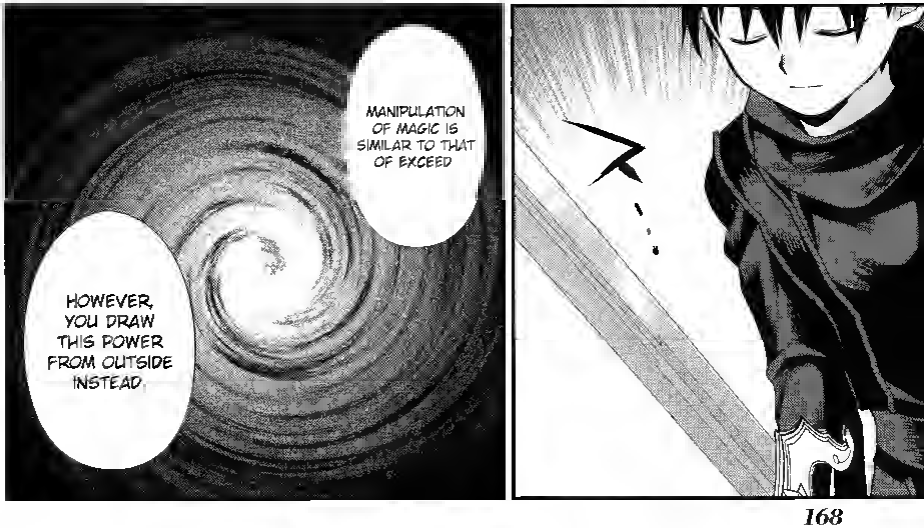
THIS BATTLE IS ALREADY OURS!!

THEY ARE ALREADY EXHAUSTED FROM THEIR EXPEDITION THROUGH THE ROUGH WEATHER IN REACHING HERE!
THE ENEMIES ARE ONLY STEPPING INTO THEIR DEATHBEDS
THE LOCATION AND ATMOSPHERE ARE TO OUR ADVANTAGE!
WE, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE NO DISADVANTAGES!
FIVE MINUTES!

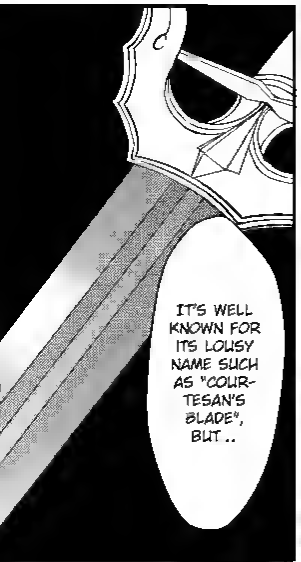
THE MOMENT WE ENGAGE, THE BATTLE WILL BE OVER IN FIVE MINUTES!
I'M SURE OF IT!
YOU'RE PRETTY USED TO BATTLES, AREN'T YOU?
I'M NOT BOASTING, BUT THIS IS MY FIRST.


YOUR TEACHER SHALL REWARD YOU FOR YOUR FINE PERFORMANCE.
I'M SURE IT'LL BE THAT WAY.
OF COURSE.
AND I WASN'T BULL-SHITTING EITHER.

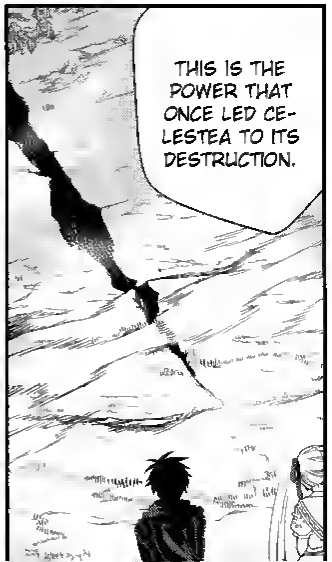

FOCUS YOUR WILL INTO THE BLADE.
FROM IT, THE USER WILL BE ABLE TO FURTHER AMPLIFY HIS OWN POWERS.
THE MERIT OF A DEMON BLADE IS DEPENDENT ON THE CAPABILITY OF THE MANUFAC-TURER IN RUNE-MASTERING.


HOWEVER, YOU DRAW THIS POWER FROM OUTSIDE INSTEAD.
MANIPULATION OF MAGIC IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF EXCEED

CAN YOU FEEL THE BREATH OF YOUR SPIRITUAL ENERGY?
JUST LIKE OXYGEN, MANA THAT FLOWS INTO YOUR BODY CIRCULATES AROUND IT.
GRASP THAT FLOW AND GATHER IT TO A POINT.
ITS EXISTENCE AND QUANTITY IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL. THE FILLED UP VESSEL REPRESENTS THE STRENGTH OF YOUR "MAGIC".
YOU DO KNOW THAT YOUR SWORD WILL DRAIN THE POWER FROM YOUR VESSEL?
LET IT DRINK A LITTLE OF IT.
AND WHEN YOUR MAGIC REACHES THE BODY OF THE SWORD...
SWING IT!

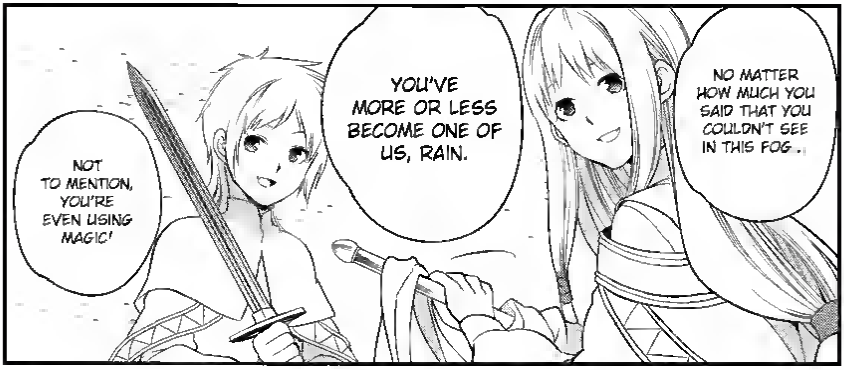

IT'S WELL KNOWN FOR ITS LOUSY NAME SUCH AS "COURTESAN'S BLADE", BUT..

I SUPPOSE IT DOES HAVE A NAME.
SO, IT'S NOT JUST A NAMELESS BLADE, HUH
THAT'S REALLY DETAILED


THIS IS THE POWER THAT ONCE LED CELESTEA TO ITS DESTRUCTION.

So this is "A little", huh...
O。
WOW...

I'VE NEVER HATED IT BEFORE.
PLEASE BE THE ONLY ONE THAT WON'T HATE THAT BLADE.
IT WAS MAGIC!
DAMN
WHAT WAS THAT?
THAT WAS MAGIC FROM THE VAMPIRES!


NOT TO MENTION, YOU'RE EVEN USING MAGIC!
YOU'VE MORE OR LESS BECOME ONE OF US, RAIN.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU SAID THAT YOU COULDN'T SEE IN THIS FOG...

LET'S GO.

The assault of the allied four countries on the country of the mist.
The crushing defeat of the allied forces despite the large numbers of soldiers they had.
The swordsman in black, who wielded a blue demonic sword as he led the Vampires.
That name will become well known throughout the Great Continent.

# レイン The Vampire Master 外伝 ヴァンパイアマスター

LAST CHAPTER -AM-

# The Characters ミュールゲニアの人々 of Murgenia

### レイン

ホークから聞いたシルヴィアに会う為、シルヴィーナ（霧の国）を目指してきた。

### シルヴィア

シルヴィーナ（霧の国）に住む、レインが探し求めていた、ヴァンパイア。

### ユキ

シルヴィアの補佐役。シルヴィアを唯一の例外として、かなりの剛力。

### ニナ

剣技の才能がそこそこある。
ユキと気が合うので、よく一緒にいる。

### ウェンディー

人間からヴァンパイアへの変貌が始まり、ユキによって連れて来られた少女。

### ホーク

二代前のレイファンに仕えた元大将軍。有名な剣士だったが病と不運に倒れた。

## なぜなにミュールゲニアアシスタント なぜミューガールズ

### シェルファ

なぜミューでは天然担当。最近、時々黒いのが出る。

### ユーリ

なぜミューのまとめ役で苦労人。シェルファに振り回される。

### セルフィー

なぜミュー1のお利口さん。今回は呼び出しが僅かり不在。

### セノア

なぜミューのお目付け役…と思いきやボケ担当。仕事の呼び出しが僅かり今回は不在。

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